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Curator, Madras Record Office.

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To the Hon^{ble}: William Gyfford Esq^{r}
President of the Coast of Chormandell Bengall &
Governour of Fort S^{t}: George &c^{a} Councill.

Gentlemen,

Your Honours of y^{e}: 22^{d}: of March & 4[th] of June I have received, and am heartily sorry, that the Subjects therein treated are of such Import, as my condition cannot permitt to plead in their ffavour. Therefore if by y^{e}: Law of nations you finde yo^{r}: Selves in any Lawfull respects Injur'd, Pray authorize a person to appear in this Court in your behalf to represent your greivances, and I doe not doubt but his Ma^{tie}: ffollowing y^{e}: dictates of his accustomed goodness, will give all y^{e}: Satisfaccon: you can in justice desire this is what relates y^{e}: priz'd Shipping & boates, and as to y^{e}: prejudice y^{e}: Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} may receive in y^{e}: Obstruction of their trade I assure you y^{e}: Generall Instruccons to those Employes in said Expedition forbids to act soe as y^{e}: least impediment or damage occur to any Europe Nation, or those of India in amity wth: his Ma^{tie}: and to this present wee are not informed that they have varied from our orders, but contrarily wee finde through their easy complyance to y^{e}: Cheife of Metchlepatam they delivered a vast amount of Treasure and jewells that were really prized in y^{e}: King of Gollcondah Shipp w^{ch}: wee pass over in Silence commending y^{e}: Gentleman very much for if those persons employ'd in his Ma^{ties}: Shipp had noe more witt, hee had, & doutless the negotiation was very acceptable to him. No. 1.

The Employing those of your nation (Such as they are for want of better) on this expedicon, &c^{a} affaires in his Ma^{ties}: Service; I allwayes thought a Subject whereby y^{e}: world might bee sencible of our gratitude and regaurd I have to those of a Kingdom where (after my infancy) I breathed till brought to this place, weening wee might acquitt our Selves wth: such friends return's in good offices to every on[e] as all good Patriots might bee encouraged [to] shew the same civill treatment in England to all fforreigners as they did to ourself. Therefore I would not employ y^{e}: English to [Serve under another] Nation whose good Service would be but an attribute of y^{e} conduct of the Commanders in Cheife and consequently bee debarr'd of that hon^{r}: due to your Nation who by Such little expeditions might Strike a dread in these Indians of ever dareing to abase an Englishman assureing you that notwthStanding y^{e}: great damages his Ma^{tie}: obtained by y^{e}: Kingdome of Gollcondah hee would never have broake out into a warr wth: them if it had not been for y^{e}: unsuportable abuses offer'd to those of your nation by y^{e} Govern^{r} of Metchlepatam.

The Moores Governours (tis true) may make what unreasonable demands they please, but when Justice doth not authorize them wee think y^{e}: Matter does not bind to observe it for w^{ch}: wee have presidents enough in Europe confirmeing to us that y^{e}: employing of any particular man Commander in Cheife, or any quantity of men against a Nation who is in amity wth: y^{e}: Person employ'd is not a Subject of a greivance, but thus all our endeavours are received wth: out any hopes of amendment.

Gentlemen you may write to Constant Phaulkon what you please Similiseing Merchantile authority and power w^th^: those of a Monarch and menace mee to doe what you please either w^th^: promises of procureing mee favour or disdaine, from the Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: but when you treat w^th^: y^e^: Kings Ministers you doe not treat w^th^: M^r^: Phaulkon but w^th^: his Lord and Master a Prince of that Justice that y^e^: greatest evill that can bee fastned on y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: to their great prejudice is to publish to y^e^: world y^e^: disrespect y^e^: Tenour of yo^r^: L[ett]er shows, thus much I thought fitt to lay down in answere to your hon^rs^: not as a Minister of State, but as one that honours and respects your nation w^th^: y^e^: same naturall inclinacon as if it were our Soile.

The fores^d^: circumstances considered I could not present y^e^: Severall to his Ma^tie^: therefore I once more desire yo^r^: honours that after you have well weigh'd every circumstance; if you finde that Justice admitts of any of the Particulars pray Send over a good civill well qualified Gentlemen to represent y^e^: case and you may bee assured of redress, and as Justice is the claime of every one that hath any matter in hand at that Tribunall wee beseech you to lett that w^ch^: this Court may soe indisputably lay claime to goe hand in hand giveing power to fores^d^: Gentlemen to adjust that inconsiderate affaire of the Worp^s^: Yales w^ch^: in really I am ashamed of, not for y^e^: actions of another for it does not touch mee, but that should bee soe easy to involve myself in y^e^: necessity of disputes when y^e^: case is soe plaine, as God is in heaven (tis a matter of admiracon.).

Gentlemen this is become the Comp^as^: concernes the Treasurers haveing Stopt those Sums payable to your Cheife on Bills, as well as the ffreight of the Anapournas for the Transportation of y^e^: Embassador from Persia to Tenassary till this affair is adjusted, tis true y^e^: Worsp^ll^: Elihu Yale threatens to grant to himself letters of reprisall or make warr upon y^e^: King of Syam, and soe fourth, I can assure him here's noe Such great riches that are dispatcht from these parts, that cannot w^th^: aboundance of ease bee deferd, But y^e^: Gentleman will doe well to consider tis not good to make too much noise in an unjust cause, neither to abuse Such a Benefactor as the King of Syam, whose gratious ffavours to y^e^: English Nation tradeing in his Ports have been soe publique to y^e^: world.

This Gentlemen pleads y^e^: contract hee made w^th^: those employ'd in his Ma^ties^: Service they were not empowred to make a contract w^th^: out y^e^: Govern^r^: and Councills approbacon; as our Instructions to Said Servants & recommendatory Letter to y^e^: Governour & Councill manifests, and hee in y^e^: absence of the Govern^r^: being President of that Councill how can hee plead a contract, tis true if this worthy Gentleman had ordered his Stratagems w^th^: a Curr^t^; pollici and appointed some of his Peons for black Merchants to proffer their service to M^r^: Ivatt &c^a^: employ'd for Provision of s^d^: Jewells or when the Merchants & s^d^: Ivatt appeared at the barr for Judgment for him to have cryed Probatum est, the matter had been formall and the contract impregnable, but hee, to bee the Merch^t^: that Sells and broker to and then to have 30 ℔ Cent on broakeridge, has made such a breach into the tenn thousand five hundred Pagodaes, as eight thousand will not make it up; The Hon^ble^: President in his by the Phenix complaines of y^e^: indiscretion of y^e^: Person that valued them here, tis true they are heathens as well as those the Worp^s^: Yale appointed, therefore wee will not creditt either said, and have required a ffrench Gentleman who resides in this Citty in quallity of Cheife for his Nation to value them upon oath in presence of M^r^: Harbin &c^a^: of your nation who have attested y^e^: valluacon w^ch^: I herew^th^: remitt you therefore I beseech you on your hon^ble^: Masters behalf to oblidge the Worp^s^: Yale to payment of the Ballance of that acco^t^: into the Comp^as^: Cash in discompt of what the Treasurers have Stopt here, and the Supra amount shall bee readily paid to yo^r^: order. The great Service the Worp^s^: Yale did his Ma^tie^ inextraordinary prizes.

I will instance to you in that one particular of Copper hee allowing on acco^t^: to M^r^: Ivatt 56 Pagodaes ℔ Candy when M^r^: Thomas Lucas at the Same time

allow'd y^e^: Shaubander of Tenassery 62. Wee hope Gentlemen you will doe us that Justice to beleive my designe was not to have said affaires brought to this pass by y^e^: mediums I took both in my Letter and the person I employ'd for its accommodac̃on, and if it took not that effect that in Justice [to] Credit it ought it is not our fault, but wee Suppose some people think themselves above that Sphere, therefore I conclude and come to render your hon^rs^: the produce of the prudent management of Cap^ta^: Lake w^ch^: for better informac̃on reffer you to the enclosed process, this being just on the Juncture of time of the Comp^a^: Servants removall who have all the liberty of w^th^: drawing their persons and effects they can desire though on the repeated neglects of his Ma^ties^: favour was Subjects enough to have Seized on that small concerne the Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: had upon y^e^: place, on the Dragon Herbert, w^th^: utter confiscation of all particular persons Estates, if the great regaurd my Master has for the amity of y^e^: King of England, and the airy proceedings of those employ'd in y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Service had not been considered thus^t^ y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: may plainly perceive y^e^: prejudice they runn themselves in by Committing y^e^: Nations authority to Such persons as Cap^ta^: Lake.

Touching his Ma^ties^: being better informed of the conveniency or inconveniency of receiveing an Interloper into his ports when y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Servants were treating of a Settlement, I answerd y^e^: Scope of their Commission to treat of a Settlement consisted in noe more then y^e^: present vend of 34 bales of broad cloaths (in an unseasonable time of the year) as S^r^: Josiah Childe the then Governours letter shows w^th^: out any further assurance of settlement or requisite propositions made, which being answered by the Barcalong that he was Sorry that the Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: had noe better prospect of advance in their Settlement then y^e^: present vend of 34 Bales of cloath, nevertheless Since they are arriv'd his Masters Port y^e^: ffree Liberty to buy or Sell was granted in order to Settle or returne, w^ch^: was reply'd to by M^r^: Strangh that his hon^ble^: Masters orders in case hee could finde noe ready vend for fores^d^ quantity of cloath to w^th^: draw all y^e^: Comp^as^: servants and effects in the place directing his course for Surrat, after this y^e^: Interloper arrived, and would have his Ma^tie^: put him out of the Port for whose sake, for the Comp^a^: who despised his royall favour and protection; pray Gentlemen think first before [you] pass your censures and as to what relates to Anbonys being laden and Siamers goeing upon him to France, which you[r] hon^r^: w^th^: y^e^: Stile of Embassad^r^: tho never Soe intended neither received as y^e^: publique Gazzetts advice haveing a title Suteable to their quallity namely Mandorines, they being only y^e^: Barcalongs messengers to the Minister of France to enquire after y^e^: Success of the Embassy that Saild from hence to that Court in 1681 yett these as well as the goods and Presents sent on Ambomy, I offer'd to M^r^: Crouch on Cap^ta^: Smith in order to his returne via Fort S^t^: George offering to give him 25 ℔ Cent on Invoice for all his Cargoe and repay him in Copper Tinn, and tootenagu w^ch^: would have prevented y^e^: great loss y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Sustained by his Voyage to China (according to y^e^: wisdome and pollitique direction of those whom you have Since employd to Settle Factories though hee has given you Sufficient instance of his abillities in y^e^: destruction of [Said] Factories) s^d^: M^r^: Crouch excused himself w^th^: want of order.

What was offer'd to M^r^: Potts was not what hee deserved [and] therefore the Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: were offended but cannot tell how to help it, Soe must [rest] Satisfied w^th^:out their pardon, and I heartily wish they were soe tender of their [honor] in all other parts of India in Juster causes tha[n] that of M^r^: Potts as a particular man the pardon of the Comp^a^: would Sound very well, but as his Ma^ties^: Servant it makes noe good harmony, and if my demeritts were Such, as to require pardon, I would begg it of his Ma^tie^: of Great Brittaine the head and not of the Comp^a^: and soe I admire much Gentlemen at Such Stiles as you have undertaken to treat us w^th^: Our proceedings has not hitherto deserved it, Soe for y^e^: future pray Gentlemen rather then put us to the Trouble of replying to them as they deserve, I beseech you to desist and doe not doubt but you will doe mee the right to beleive our Sincerity and reall honour and respects I have and ever shall have

for your Nations Interest or Creditt whose augmentacon and prosperity is the hearty desire of.

Hon^ble: S^r:

SYAM OCTOB^R: Y^E: 29^TH: 1686. Your Most Affectionate Friend to Serve you

PHAULKON.

No. 2. The Value of three Jimdaws w^th: seaventeen p^s for one Cataune of Syam—

1	One great p^s q^t: five Diamonds of 4 Grains at one hond: livers y^e: p^s	...	£	500
	10 Rubies at	...	,,	100
	5 Emraulds at	...	,,	30
2	Another p^s q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 2½ grain's ...	...	,,	200
	8 Rubies	...	,,	48
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	12
3	Another p^s q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 2 Graines ...	...	,,	160
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	36
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	12
4	Another p^s: q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 2½ grain's ...	...	,,	200
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	48
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	12
5	Another p^s q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 1½ graines ...	...	,,	100
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	36
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	8
6	Another p^s q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 1½ graines ...	...	,,	100
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	36
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	8
7	Another p^s q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 1 graine ...	...	,,	60
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	24
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	4
8	Another p^s q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 1 graine ...	...	,,	60
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	24
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	4
9	Another p^s q^ta: Diamonds of 1 graine ...	...	,,	60
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	8
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	2
10	Another p^s: q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 1¼ graines ...	...	,,	80
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	24
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	6
[11]	Another p^s q^ta: Diamonds of 1¼ graines ...	...	,,	52
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	16
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	6
12	Another p^s q^ta: Diamonds of 1¼ graine ...	...	,,	52
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	12
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	6
13	Another p^s q^ta: 4 Diamonds of 1 graine ...	...	,,	60
	8 Rubies at	...	,,	12
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	4
14	Another p^s q^ta: 3 Diamonds	...	,,	24
	6 Rubies at	...	,,	6
	4 Emraulds at	...	,,	2
15	Another p^s q^ta: 3 Diamonds	...	,,	24
	3 Rubies at	...	,,	4
	3 Emraulds at	...	,,	2
16	One Diamond of 5½ graines	...	,,	100
17	One Diamond of 6 graines	...	,,	200

1	One Jimdaw Enam[ld] : w[th] : green.		
	16 Rubies at	£	80
	41 Rubies at	,,	124
	391 Rubies at	,,	200
	Another Jimdaw.		
	7 Rubies at	,,	12
	2 Rubies at	,,	12
	16 Rubies at	,,	32
	38 Rubies at	,,	76
	26 Rubies [at]	,,	26
2	Another Jimdaw Enam[ld] : w[th] : blew.		
	18 Rubies at	,,	180
	42 Rubies at	,,	132
	391 Rubies at	,,	200
	18 Rubies at	,,	36
	64 Rubies at	,,	48
	21 Rubies at	,,	16
	1 Rubie at	,,	12
3	Another Jimdaw Enam[ld] : w[th] : green red & blew.		
	122 Rubies at	,,	444
	42 Rubies at	,,	11
		£	4225

I doe hereby Certifie to have Esteemed all those Diamonds, Rubies & Emraulds at their Just value & if the[y] will give them mee at y[e] : Price as I esteem them at I would not take them for less then 20 ℔ Cent Cheaper at Syam y[e] : [3[d]] 9[ber] 1686.

VERET.

I doe not Know if y[e] : little are Esteemed In India but In France they are not worth the Price I value them at.

VERET.

The Free and Voluntary answer of Sam[ll] : Lake unto y[e] : Charge laid against mee in Severall things to w[ch] : I freely give my oath w[th] : out any force or compulsion used by any person whatsoever.

Imp[s] :

As to my letter sent to Bland wherein I perswaded him to leave Syam & goe with mee for those that Stay'd here, I wrott him that it would bee hard w[th] : them, and in short time bee in a very bad condition, the reason Why I writt soe was from this in the first place I wanted men, and would perswade all I could to goe w[th] : mee, in the next place Knowing my orders runn soe farr if things were not complyed w[th] : by y[e] : King of Syam in either Sending an answere to y[e] : R[tt] Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : Letter (w[ch] : I was to send on shoar) it being a Letter to the same intent and purpose that they sent last year but had no answere ; soe should I have noe answere or Satisfaccon made to their Demands, that then I had an order from S[r] : John Child Cap[ta] : Generall of y[e] : English fforeces in India ; to Seize one of the King of Syam's Shipp's or Joncks upon w[ch] : I thought it might cause great trouble to the English left in Syam.

The letter I writt to M[r] : Harbin was about September the 7[th] : to Speak to his Lordship to gett y[e] : Seamen paid their wages that It might bee noe hindrance to them to come away, my orders from the Generall to gett all the English I could.

The Letter I Sent M[r] : Harbin of the 29[th] : Ditto was to hasten him away according to the Generalls order and my promise to the Generall to gett him hence if I could and for them that would not come away from Syam would Soon bee reduced to Obedience, by that I [meant] if bussiness did not fairly goe on betwixt this King of Syam and the R[tt] : Hon[ble] : Comp[a] :

I did Say to Cap^{ta}: Rea that I had orders to make warr wth: Syam but it was to hasten him in his dispatch, that I might the Sooner Send up the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Letter to the King of Syam w^{ch}: letter I was not to send up untill the Comp^{as}: Concernes were removed if possible I could gett it done but if not then at my goeing away I was to Send it up and not to Stay for my answere but then to proceed for Quedah and Surratt wth: out doeing any more.

The letter Sent to Cap^{ta}: Rea to Bancoke was to Speak wth: him for the reasons afforesaid.

The letter & order Sent to Cap^{ta}: Fenn, was to hasten him down that I might proceed wth: my letter to the King of Syam from y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: according to my orders from our Generall w^{ch}: were as ffolloweth.

I was order'd after my arrivall here at Syam, to make w^{t}: dispatch I could to put out the Kings goods then to wth: draw our ffactory and all y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Concernes & as many or all y^{e}: English I could, and when that was done I had nothing to doe but to Saile then I had a Letter from y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to the King of Syam w^{ch}: I was to Send up to Syam and Stay 6 or 8 dayes for an answere of it, if an answere came then I was to proceed wth: It to Surratt, but if noe answere came then I had the Generalls order to Stop one of the Kings Junks or Shipps to see to procure an answere, but if noe answere then came I was to carry her wth: mee for Bombay but not to Embazell the least thing belonging to her or to carry any of y^{e}: King of Syams Subjects wth: mee unless they would voluntarily goe, but to lett all them that would to goe on Shoar, being the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: does not desire any breach to bee made wth: this King if possible they can help it, Butt rather then bee abased to much they will see to right themselves by the best and most hon^{ble}: waies they can as my orders Specifie this being to the best of my Knowledge the full Scope and power of my orders from my Right Hon^{ble}: Masters and Generall to the truth and verity of w^{ch}: I doe freely and voluntaryly give my oath wth: out any Compulsion whatsoever & have hereunto Sett my hand y^{e}: thirteenth day of November 1686.

SAM^{ll} LAKE.

This is a true Copy of the originall w^{ch}: is attested by us.

JOS: BASSPOOL.
HAVILAND CUTHBERT.

MALACCA MAY 31ST: 1686.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^{TT}: HON^{BLE}
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

No. 3. Although wee hope to Kiss your Hon^{rs}: hand so Soon as this yett deemed our duty to leave these few lines to bee forwarded to your hon^{r}: if against expectacõn Speedier Conveighance should offer whereby yo^{r}: hon^{r}: may understand that after forty two dayes Passage wee arrived Mallacca & immediately made Strick[t] enquiry after letters and y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Ships from China but could finde [none] nor hear of their passinge this way but wee learned by two Amoy juncks then in Port that before their departure the China Coast w^{ch}: y^{e}: latter end of December the least of y^{e}: two English Ships left Amoy and was Saluted wth: the great Gunns of y^{e} Town, but how y^{e}: other Ship was disposed off (w^{ch}: wee Suppose to bee Cap^{ta}: Ubber) they could not tell for they left her persuing her trade; A Sloop arrived here from Batavia and brought tideings that an English ship about 200 Tonns burthen arrived there (few dayes before his departure thence) from China and went for Surrat about 14 dayes before said Vessell left Batavia w^{ch}: y^{e}: latter end of Aprill and cannot conjecture it to bee any elce then the China Merch^{t}: ℔ same via wee heard of an English Ship sailed out of England about y^{e}: 30th: Octob^{r}: last relateing ruinous Distrãcons

in England but in Generall so confused that tis needless to trouble yo^{r}: hon^{r}: wth: not doubting yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: more certaine Intelligence from whome they tell us that the said English Ship is bound for China probably shee may belong to our hon^{ble}: Masters, they tell us alsoe of a Ship promiscuously mann'd wth: Europe Nations (but the greater Number [of] English) arrested at Batavia, and on Suspicion that they are Pirat's the Commander and men were detain'd ashoare that w^{ch}: increased their Jealousy was the Ship had no carved work & that they Sould China Silke at 80 Doll^{rs}: ℔ Pecull w^{ch}: is not half its cost in China.

The Anapourna has not yett been in this Port, wee fear her not Standing enough to y^{e}: Southward hath Postponed her passage there is a rumour in town that there is a Ship Almost in Sight of this Road pray God it may bee her, tomorrow wth: Gods blessing Cap^{ta}: Alford intends to Saile haveing tarryed 2 or 4 day's longer then hee design'd, to gett boards and materialls to repair his Long boat & Pinnace w^{ch}: are totally damnyfied by y^{e}: wormes, w^{ch}: is all the Materiall at Present relateing to our hon^{ble}: Masters affairs to impart your hon^{r}: so wth: y^{e}: tender of our duty and prayers to Almighty to bless and direct y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Concernes under your administracon. Protect and preserve your person in health & prosperity wee Rest.

Hono^{ble}: and Worp^{ll}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: Most Humble Faithfull Serv^{ts}:
SAMUELL BARON.
HENRY MOSE.
DANIELL DUBOIS.

June 2nd: 1686

P.S.—Just now in close hereof the Anapourna arrived this Road Cap^{ta}: ffrancis Mendes told mee hee shaped his Course Southerly what hee could and made Atcheen head in 23 dayes but by reason of contrary [winds] and the Ships insufficiency of carryingSaile being [. . . for] want of more Ballast, his passage chanced to fall out thus long w^{ch}: defect hee intends to remidy in this Port being in no great hast Since tis past hopes to meet y^{e}: Gallcons in Manhellaes.

Idem
SAMUELL BARON.
HENRY MOSE.
DANIELL DUBOIS.

HONO^{BLE}: PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCILL. TONQUEEN Y^{E}: 18TH: JANUARY 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

No. 4.

Per advice received ℔ y^{e}: Ship Dragon from England wee finde our Factory to bee settled in Subordinacon to yo^{rs}: who have thereupon Consigned a Cargoe on her & likewise have remitted such advices by letter &c^{a}: as is thought convenient desireing they may bee sent for England y^{e}: first oppertunity that Presents.

The Dragon arrived here in October last who brought a very considerable Stock quantity Ryalls Eight eighty thousand besides one chest q^{t}: 157 barrs of Silver soe melted in England of w^{ch}: Treasure wee have indeavour'd to invest in Such Commodities as are proper for your Port and Europe as Muske in Codd Gold and Japan Copper being an addition to Such of the Smirnioates Cargoe w^{ch}: was or could bee made fitt to relade Supposeing it would make here a full Ship being the Comp^{as}: Express orders to us that they pay noe dead ffreight as they did on the Tonqueen Merchant.

The Treasure left here wth: us shall endeavour when y^{e}: Season of y^{e}: year Serves to procure Such goods therewth: as y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: in their Instructions to us have ordered us to buy & then have ready by us against the Ships arrivall w^{ch}: wee hope will bee soone enough here to proceed on her voyage for Canton or Lampico Island and then at her return back to us Supposeing will bee in 9ber or Xber following and take in such goods as shall bee ready here to lade on board w^{ch}: questionless will bee of great importance to the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: if the[y] hold their resolucon: that voyage in all probabillity must needs answere their Expectacons: if but vending y^{e}: European Manufacture as broadCloth Serges or perpetuanaes bee England Staple Comodities wth: about forty or fivety Tonns of pepper from, Pryaman or any of the Comp^{as}: new Factory where to bee procured, and then they are at the fountaine head [to] buy Musk in Codd Tutenage China ware Gelongs Damaske &c^{a}: all w^{ch}: goods afforementioned are made there.

The extream want wee have of good Godownes & other houses for our Conveniencys to Secure their hon^{rs}: goods from fire & theives &c^{a}: will cause us to doe our utmost endeavours now to Seek out for ground to build on here in y^{e} Citty w^{ch}: by y^{e}: Smirnioate wee had possitive order from England to doe but prefereing goods when to bee had before ground or houses it was then referred at that time but y^{e}: only maine reason was because wee had not any Stock left us to build wth: all.

The Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Sent Ψ y^{e}: Dragon Severall Chests of Joyners ware to bee locked here & Sent back on her but by the unseasonableness of her comeing they could not bee done therefore against June or July next they shall bee finished.

M^{r}: William Hogges now takes his passage on the Dragon for yo^{r}: Port according to advices from our Masters, but as yett cannot perswade any Chinaman here to goe wth: him, but shall endeavour what in us lyeth to perswade them but fear extremly from hence none will bee perswaded to it.

Raw Silk for severall foregoeing yeares hath proved soe very dear and scarse wth: all that two Jouncks one from Japon & another from Tywan hath lay'n here two winters and cannot In all this time procure one Cargoe, although they have considerable Stocks in plate lyeing by them to invest in that Commodity for Japan w^{ch}: makes all Silke manufacture both Scarse and dear that being the reason wee durst not adventure on any Such Commodities this year.

And the Dutch have raised y^{e}: prizes five Condarines on each peice of Ling being fiveteen mass plate fflowred & yett can gett noe quantity as to what they formerly use[d] to have.

The Presents to the King & Prince wee intreat may bee put up into Chests as to what y^{e}: Kings Present is in there must bee two thirds of y^{e}: very Same in Spetie for y^{e}: Prince or it will creat us a great deal of trouble for want thereof this yeare y^{e}: Prince was greatly disgusted wth: us soe that it cost us 2 half peices of Broadcloth to ad thereto before wee were admitted into his presence to make our Sombaies as Customary at the Ships first arrivall and before wee can gett a grant for to have our Chaup wth: other Presents to one of our dispatchadores to Speake in our behalf to y^{e}: Prince acquainting him that y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: o^{r}: Masters could not bee acquainted of his being inst[alled] Prince before this Ship parted England, soe wee came of att this time wth: out any more trouble as to himself & his Father the old King.

At the Ships arrivall finding noe goods on board her but a considerable Treasure in plate, it caused us to enlarge the Kings present, that hee might not make much enquiry into her Cargoe haveing aded thereto some branches of Corrall & ditto [beads] w^{ch}: pleased him soe well that hee created us little or noe trouble this year. If wee had any perpetuanaes to have added there to wee suppose it might have prevented us buying of what wee did.

Cap^{ta}: John Cold M^{r} Daniell Dawes & M^{r}: James Bankard estate wee brought to acco^{t}: in y^{e}: Generall bookes & besides have likewise sent you inclosed the Inventories thereof as they were taken & afterwards sold as to what was

thought fitt not to bee disposed of is now remitted to there widdowes or to whome they order to receive.

Now wee come to advice yo^{r}: hon^{r}: what Commodities are vendable here for your better guidance what to Transport hyther in the next Ship y^{t} at present will vend Curr^{t}: here if y^{e}: King Prince & Mandorines here will give us leave to vend them as wee would wee cannot advice of any other certainer Commoditys w^{ch}: will Sell here then what wee now write for.

Broad Cloth ten Bales Viz^{t}:

Fine Scarletts three bales course Redd four fine Dark Grass Green one bale and perpetuanaes 3 or 4 bales whose Coll^{rs}: wee intreat may bee red black grass green & blews other Coll^{ors}: not pleasing at all here Brimstone about 200 pecull Salt Petree (if white) 100 pecull the Kings price to the Dutch is taile nine ℔ pecull & noe question if as good as theirs shall [fetch] y^{e}: Same price course long cloth ten bales course Chints Dungham or Coddy about Six bales wth: Some fine Beetelas or Moores for Presents Putchuck or Cotto about twenty bales Beetlenutt if Small and dry about 100 Pecull but pepper Sent to this Port on purpose to unlade here cannot now bee convenient for the reasons aforementioned & wee had not writt for soe many Sorts of goods; but that wee might wth: y^{e}: more facility Keep the Treasure undiscovered w^{ch}: is all our endeavours to prevent.

Wee intreat there may bee sent hyther some paper of Severall sorts wth: Inke & Sealing Wax & other necessarys for ffactors provitions haveing great want thereof as is of Soape nailes of all sorts.

With what other conveniencys you shall think us deserveing of not being to bee procured at present but by your assistance.

Thus haveing given your Worsp^{s}: our advices concerning the needfull in this place take leave & remaine.

Yo^{r}: Worp^{s}: Most humble Servant
WILLIAM KEELING.

Wee cannot subscribe to y^{e}: acco^{t}: M^{r}: Keeling has given concerning o^{r}: Masters affaires here but referr to our owne letter.

WILLIAM HODGES.
GEORGE TASH.

No. A List of the Pacquett.

1. Generall Letter to England designed by y^{e}: Smirnaote. No. 5.
2. Invoice of y^{e}: Smirnaote's Cargoe.
3. Bill of Ladeing for D^{o}:
4. Journall Register beginning July y^{e}: 29th: 1682 & ending y^{e}: last of August 1683.
5. D^{o}: beginning y^{e}: 1st: Sept^{ber}: 1683 & ending y^{e}: 25th: January 168$\frac{3}{4}$.
6. Tonqueen Gen^{ll}: bookes beginning y^{e}: 1st: August 1682 & ending ultimo June 1683.
7. D^{o}: beginning ℔^{mo}: July & ending ultimo August 1683.
8. [Sa]m^{ll}: Blackmore acco^{t}: petty disburstments & dyett.
9. Henry Ireton's Certificate.
10. A parcell of Keys belonging to 7 Chests packed wth: Silkes.
11. Advices concerning Cap^{ta}: Coles & Daniell Dawes their Estates.
12. Invo[i]ces of y^{e}: Dragons Cargoe.
13. Coppy of y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: advices ℔ Shippe Dragon.
14. Bill of Ladeing for y^{e}: Dragons Cargoe.
15. Generall Letter to England ℔ Dragon.
16. Gen^{ll}: Letter to the President & Councill at Fort S^{t}: George.
17. A List of y^{e}: Pacquett.

HONO^{BLE} : &C^{A} : COUNCILL. TONQUEEN Y^{E} : TH JANUARY 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

S^{RS} :

No. 6. Cap^{ta} : Fenn on y^{e} Dragon imported here y^{e} : 26th : Octob^{r} : passadoe & by y^{e} : advices hee brought from y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : wee find our Factory is made subordinate to yo^{r} : Presidency, and they did further require us in case wee could not dispatch this Ship some time in Xber then to send her for your Port but perceiveing y^{e} : first imposible to bee done as things Were circumsta[n]ce[d] ; wee have now consigned her to yo^{r} : hon^{rs} : wth : a Cargoe amounting Taile 75457 : 1 : 2 : & how our Masters will have it disposed the Coppy of their advices now Sent will direct you.

Wee are very Sorry M^{r} : Keeling has given us occation to trouble yo^{r} : hon^{rs} : wth : two Generall Letters, it was our desires & intentions joyntly to have given you a full acco^{t} : of the State of o^{r} : Masters affaires here, but M^{r} : Keeling had soe good opinion of his owne abilities, that hee never consulted wth : us nor required our advices in any thing hee has now [to] write till about two or three dayes before wee left y^{e} Citty, hee brought out his Letters to bee coppyed & did declare they were in his Sence a full acco^{t} : of all things fitt to bee ad[v]iced & would not therefore alter them in any thing ; the time is soe short & wee have soe much other business to doe, that wee cannot give your hon^{rs} : Soe particular an acco^{t} : in writeing as wee ought, but hope you will accept it by word of mouth from M^{r} Hodges in the behalf of us all, who now by y^{e} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : permission takes his passage on y^{e} : Dragon for yo^{r} : Port, wee doe expect our next yeares Ship directly from London if any of y^{e} : advices wee sent in y^{e} : yeares 1683 & 1684 bee recẽd, & then wee hope all differences between M^{r} : Keeling & us will bee desided one way or other by the Comp^{a} : themselves soe presume twill bee unnecessary to give your hon^{rs} : any further trouble about it onely beseech you to beleive these things shallnoe wayes prejudice our Masters affaires, for wee doe resolve to joyn wth M^{r} : Keeling in any thing that to our reason shall appear to bee for their interest ℔ shall bee very plaine & then if hee will not comply wth : reason wee must & will force him.

It will bee needless presumption in us to give you any particular acco^{t} : of y^{e} : trade of this Port, his hon^{r} : the President first Settled this Factory & resided here many yeares, & is noe doubt Sufficiently acquainted wth : y^{e} : unreasonable Exactions of this Court and Knows farr better then wee what can bee expected from hence, and what Commodities in proporc̃on may find a vend here soe shall only recommend o^{r} : uncomfortable condition to yo^{r} : Generous consideraco̅n & begg leave to Subscribe ourselves.

Hono^{ed} S^{rs} :
Yo^{r} : Hono^{rs} : Most humble Servants
WILLIAM HODGES.
GEORGE TASH.
L. BLACKMORE.

HONO^{BLE} PRESIDENT &C^{A} : DING LACK JANUARY Y^{E} : 23TH 168$\frac{5}{6}$.
COUNCELL IN MADDRASS.

Hono^{ed} : S^{r} :

No. 7. The 6th : passade y^{e} : Shipp Dragon being ready to weigh anchor and Sett Saile out of this Port Eleaven of her Englishmen being most of them officers in y^{e} : night time Stole away her long boat and Pinnace from her side conveighing therein what they could conveniently, being Small armes powder Shott &c^{a} : other provissions for their voyadge and made Escape out of y^{e} : River (& as wee Suppose are gon over the barr extending for Syam) to the great disableing of the Shipp soe are inforced to make up her quantity of men wth : Tonqueenors that this Shipp might not loose her passage to Madrass according to y^{e} : Comp^{as} ; express orders to us in this Factory to dispatch her for, if it could not bee done for England.

These serve to acquaint yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: that y^{e}: Commander Cap^{ta}: Anthony Fenn being in this Straight desired us to lett him have Ryall $\frac{s}{s}$ five hundred not Knowing what extreamity hee may bee putt to for want of these men before hee can arrive att Madrass, soe assisted him therewth: out of our Masters Stock as ℔ his Charter party wee were obliged to doe if hee demanded it being y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: agreement wth: y^{e}: Shipp.

Here is Sent some Letters wth: two Small Sea Chests marked as ℔ Margent wth: a small parcell Sowne up in Canvis wth: y^{e}: Same marke w^{ch}: I intreat may bee sent for England to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: acquainting them wth: their contents one being full wth: Sea Platts & the other wth: some instruments & bookes belonging to Cap^{ta}: John Cole with many other writeings writing bookes & papers of Cap^{ta}: John Cole M^{r}: Daniell Dawes M^{r}: Harvey M^{r}: James Bunckard & severall others formerly belonging to y^{e}: [Smirnaote] who dyed in & near Tonqueen.. No. K: C.

In the bundle is 5 ps of Peniascoes directed to M^{rs}: Katherine Cole being what was her husband Intreating they may bee remitted her to England.

There is alsoe two bills of Exch^{a}: drawn on y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for two hundred twenty Six Dollars & fivety three pence received here at 5 ps. ℔ Doller paid into their hon^{rs}: Stock here, w^{ch}: amounts to Sterling money fivety Six pounds fourteen shillings & five pence & another of y^{e}: Same date for Eighty one Dollers more w^{ch}: at 5 ps ℔ Doller is Sterling money twenty pounds & five shillings all w^{ch}: Sumes of money being for y^{e}: wearing Cloths & other things found at y^{e}: deaths of Cap^{ta}: John Cole & M^{r}: James Bunckard being delivered into my Custody who have herein sent their wives y^{e}: accompt of them as were disposed of at Severall tymes by outcrys all w^{ch}: particulars Intreate to have y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: acquainted wth: that at thirty dayes after sight of these two bills they may bee paid them or their order.

There is two ffrench Padryes takes their passage on this Shipp to Madrass for theire health sake is all I can learne their bussiness is.

I must Intreat yo^{r}: hon^{r}: to excuse my brevity being now in hast seeing the Ship is under Saile & near y^{e}: barrs mouth I begg leave to Subscribe myself.

Your Humble Servant to Command
WILLIAM KEELING.

CONIMEER THE ℔^{MO} JANUARY 1686.

To THE HONO^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCELL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

These are respectfully to give answere to yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 9th: 17th: & 19th ult^{o}. No. 8.

According as you are pleased to order us wee shall prosecute our resolucons: and gett what new privilidges wee can. Amboje Pontolo is now at Trinomole wth: y^{e}: Serre Subidar when hee comes down and his necessity by y^{e}: Mogulls nearer approach forces him to make new applicacons to us, then will be y^{e}: only time to endeavour to gett y^{e}: Custome ffree great Gunns &c^{a}: if y^{e} late change of affaires in this Countrey prevent not our hopes & endeavours Sumboje Raja being dead Harge Raja has lost his Interest at Court Rama Rasu y^{e}: present King being his enimy, sent order to Secure him, when hee should come to Chingie intending afterwards to call him to an acco^{t}: for above 40 Lack of Pagd^{as}: the letters came directed to Santoge Raja & Tiumbucabusra but fell into y^{e}: hands of Harge Raja when hee had taken up his Quarters wth: in y^{e}: Castle, upon perusall whereof he thought it was not a time to remaine long there, but y^{e}: next morning comes out & wth: draws wth: his army about 2 hours Journey distant from y^{e}: Castle; and haveing secur'd his concernes and Confirm'd his men in their fidility to him, by paying off all their old arreares to a day hee march't towards Trinomale intending afterwards to Joyne wth: y^{e}: rest of y^{e}: army at the Gen^{ll} Rendesvouze at Bellaporum, tis thought hee intends either to make his peace wth: y^{e}: King wth: his Sword in his hand, or if that wont doe then to goe over and joyn his

forces w^th^: y^e^: Mogulls Army and soe secure himself an interest and imployment there; hee has carried up all the Chops & seals along w^th^: him w^ch^: wee feare will disappoint o^r^ endeavours, for had hee w^th^: them Remain'd soe near us as Chingie; wee might w^th^: Amboje Pontulo and our Subidar, have negotiated our bussiness well enough w^ch^: make us fear wee shall bee hardly able now to gett any more priviledges then wee have already, Wee lately had a letter from Harge Raja w^ch^: comes inclosed wherein hee gives us Liberty for 100 yards square of ground, and to goe forward w^th^: our Buildings the letter according to the Morratta Fashion is w^th^: out date, this letter came down w^th^: a demand of the Loan of pag^os^: 4000 and pag^os^: 300 as a present in private for the Serre Subidar, Amboje Pontulo was the bearer of y^e^: Message and very importunate and hot hee was w^th^: us about it, pretending the Subidar had engaged himself to make good y^e^: Pago^s^: 300 in private to Harge Raja, and if wee paid it not hee must wee as resolutely refused it w^ch^: put the old Gentleman into a great chafe, in w^ch^: hee went out of town full of menaces threatning to Stop all our bussiness this year and that before y^e^: Ships went it should cost us double the Sum, if hee went away thus discontented our Merch^ts^: come to us earnestly desireing us to doe something and not to lett goe out thus dissatisfied least hee should put his threats in execution, at length by messages to and fro between us, hee was contented at last w^th^: pag^s^: 176 w^ch^: wee gave him in Rupees considering likewise twould not bee good disobliging him as the only instrument to manage and negotiate our bussiness, and thus wee have made an end now of this long troublesome bussines of our ground & buildings.

Haveing Sent one of our Peons up the Country as far as Cirpy as a Spie to give us Intelligence and to observe the motion of y^e^: Mogull, hee yesterday return^d^: to us and gives us an acco^t^ that Shasta Cawn the old Nabob of Bengall is Gen^ll^: of the Mogulls Army consisting 30000 horse & 4000 Elephants that part of the Army was past over the River Tungaboudara about 34 Jentue leagues distant from this place, when hee left y^e^: place and that they intend down this way w^th^: all the Speed imaginable they will meet w^th^: little or noe resistance, all the force the Morrattas can make will not amo^t^; to 10000 Horse, soe that wee shall certainly have the Mogull down in 20 dayes, or a month at farthest, for soe they give it out, that w^ch^: gives us most cause of feare is, that our old Enimy Shasta Cawn is their Generall whome wee have reason to think will shew butt little favour to the Comp^as^: affaires especially now wee are at warrs w^th^: y^e^: Mogull wee therefore desire you will please to Send us a Ship hither and a Dozen Souldiers w^th^: a Corporall if you can Spare them, to Secure if occasion bee the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Goods, as likewise our owne person both w^ch^: wee look upon to bee very unsecure under y^e^: forgoeing circumstances, wee have this day dispatch'd away the Same Peon who goes now in y^e^: disguize of a Fakier under w^ch^: cover hee may mix: w^th^: y^e^: Army and approach even the Mogull himselfe, wee send another up likewise along w^th^: him to bring us down Intelligence as things of Moment offer themselves.

Jarra Chittes Brothers in Law have been w^th^: us, are since upon some bussiness of their owne gon to Pullicherry when they returne they will find all things ready for them, for they shall have noe reason to bee disatisfied for according to yo^r^: order they shall bee acquainted w^th^: every particular of y^e^: acco^t^: our Comp^a^: of Merch^ts^: being half Comites & half Chittes w^ch^: 2 Casts you Know are upon the most triviall occasions all in quarrell and difference if their Honour of their Caste is concern'd there could not bee one Cheife Merch^t^: for then the other cast would esteem themselves Subordinate to him w^ch^: in a thing of soe great Concern and reputacon would never bee yeilded to, each looking upon his own cast to bee the best, and in y^e^: very consultacon are rivalls for the prehemiinence & place, the giveing of a little Bettle if tis not equally managed setts them together by the ears, when wee first Setled our Merchants after this manner in the Joyn't Comp^a^: upon our advising you thereof you were pleased to give us your approbacon, but if you think it fitt to alter the frame tho wee forsee a great deal of trouble, when yo^r^: Commands come wee are ready to obey.

With much adoe and great perswasions wee prevailed w^th^: our Merch^ts^: to take the Dollers at last at the rate of 17½ weight y^e^: R^s^: $\frac{8}{8}$ for 10 pag^s^: as for the Shahees Rupees and Abassees they would touch none of them at the rates you mention but all wee could doe w^th^: them was to take them pro rato as they took the Dollers have therefore sent you 2 of each Sort that you may take an essay of them and as they bear proporc̃on w^th^: y^e^: Doller Silver at y^e^: aforemenc̃oned rate soe they will take them and this is the utmost wee could doe in this affair.

Wee have received the bundle of ffactors Provissions and Candy of Wax you were pleased to Send us for w^ch^: shall give you due Credit, as for our books of acco^ts^: our Journall is finished to the end of Aprill and half of it posted into the Leadger soe that wee are in hopes to send them time enough for examinac̃on before the Ship goe home wee are regaining our lost time, and have pritty well gott up w^th^: our bussiness, wee have had Severall Severe checks from you about it w^ch^: shall bee a warning to us for the future soe that you shall never find our books behind hand any more.

Our Contract is to bee finished by y^e^: end of this month w^ch^: you shall assuredly find pun[c]tually comply'd w^th^: wee have never fail'd yett wee have according to your order made a Calculac̃on of our Contract and find wee shall have about 290 bales & 10 Candy of Indigo when you send a ship hither wee presume it would bee convenient if you have any small Brass Ordinance, to Send us Some w^th^: some shott and Powder they may bee packt in Chests and may very safely come ashoar under the name of Chests of Wine.

The Wax you were pleas'd to Send us is most miserable Stuff wee doe really beleive it to bee above half dirt but will make the best shift wee can w^th^: it; Since Countrey at present will afford noe better w^ch^: being the needfull at present wee respectfully conclude & remain.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your Most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM HARJEE MAWHAWRAJEW TO M^R^: JOHN WILCOX CHEIFE OF CONIMEER OF NOE DATE. No. 9.

Vittulapu[ll]ee Subadar and yo^r^: Hajeeb Mallapaw Puntaolew came and acquainted mee of the great love and respect you bear the Divan and of yo^r^: good hum^r^: and unchangable carriadge w^ch^: haveing heard much applauded by them gives mee aboundance of Satisfac̃on:

As to the request you make to mee I have formerly given you ground sufficient as I thought for the management [of] yo^r^: trade but you Say your trade is increased and that what ground you have is not Sufficient for yo^r^: occasions and promiseing to live peacable and quiet in the use [of] it and to increase the town and the Divans Rents by yo^r^: trade together w^th^: the continuall importuning of the Subadar and yo^r^: Heejeeb I have consented to give you w^th^: the former y^e^: Squar of one hundred yards of ground w^ch^: I do have you imploy according to yo^r^: promise. Subadar Vittulapullee will tell you how you may benifit the Divan w^ch^: if you observe will bee very acceptable to mee w^ch^: I think not offten minde you off; I have Sent you a Suite of Clothes w^ch^ I do have you accept.

TO THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE &C^A^:
AND TO THE WORSHIPFULL COUNCILL.

May it Please yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^:

Wee cannot but w^tn^: great greife of mind relate y^e^: ill Success of the R^tt^. Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: affaires under the mannagement of M^r^: Baron in China tho so well design'd & intended by yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: wee very well Know yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: made choice of M^r^: Baron for a Skillfull and ingenious man in that trade (hee haveing No. 10.

soe much pretended to it) and noe less honest to discharge that trust reposed in him as Cheife, in the absence of Mr: John Gladman &c^{a}: if so it happyned and that you expected greater Satisfaccon: then ordinary from him supposeing ye: misfortunes of others before on that designe proceeded principally from their ignorance therein, but as many good and well laid designes miss of their ends by some unhappy thing or other interposeing (as yor: honr: &c^{a}: well noted in yor: instructions) soe it has now by a superbous and male contented Spirit that would act Clandestinely and arbitrary and noe less ignorantly in ye: Comp^{as}: affaires and quite contrary to their Establish't Rules, as anon may appear.

Wee arrived in Amoy Road some distance from the town out of reach of ye: great ffortificacons, as Mr: Baron Spoke of, tho none such wee found ye: 4th of July, and Sent Mr: Willcox wth: Mr Rixon and Harris in the Pinnace to the towne to enquire after our people whom they understood were gone but on what disgust could not tell they found Cap^{ts}: Burton there who Spoke very well of the Government and gave great encouragement to them, the Hoppo or Customer sent for them and gave us encouragement to [come] nearer in among the Shipping (w^{ch}: lyes just before the town) assureing us all Kind usage imaginable w^{ch}: backt by Cap^{ta}: Burton, who came aboard us [along] wth: them & told us of a free and great trade there, as appeared alsoe to them upon w^{ch}: report Mr: Baron went himself ashoare the same night and lay there, the next day hee sent for us all to goe wth: him to the Hoppo; who exprest himself Extraordinary Kind wth: promise of such encouragement in trade [as] wee could not expect; wee went the Same day to vissit ye: Generall but hee would not bee Spoak wth:, the next day Mr: Baron & Mr: Dubois went [again] and then had admittance who promised us protection and redress of abuses committed by his People, but as to our trade wee must apply ourSelves to ye: Hoppo, then two dayes after the Generall went away to another place under his Governm^{t}: where hee Remain'd all the time wee were at Amoy.

The Generall denominated by the Chineses Jonkon Tolloyaw, is hee that took Tywan for the Tarter and is a Chinees; tis his bussiness to Command ye: Militia and Keep a good decorum in his Government; the Hopp[o] Tolloyaw is hee that lookes after the trade and receives the Customes of the towne and Shipping and gives licence for trade, and to redress irregularitys therein & is a Tarter sent by the Emperor for that purpose and is wholy independent; the Tonloyaw Deputy Governr: or Generall & 2^{d}: resides constantly at Emoy and Supplys the place of the Generall in his absence and is a Chinees but bred up under the Tarter of these three, onely ye: Generall & Second are fixt; ye: Hoppo or Custome[r] is changed every year and Supplyed from Pekin, either wth: Hoppo or Peopo ye: latter being of lesser degree, the last year there was a Peopo.

At this beginning all things seemed to have a good aspect w^{ch}: made us resolve to goe no farther, accordingly wee had a Chop from the Hoppo to bring in the Ship and imediately gave order to the Cap^{ta}: for the Same; and soon after haveing taken a house Sent for ye: goods ashoare; then wee had a Chop to trade freely before w^{ch}: noe Merch^{t}: dare to come into the house for that purpose and now all obstacles being taken away the Merch^{ts}: resorted to the house and veiwed the goods w^{ch}: they Seemed in Generall to approve off but cheifly the lead ye: Pepper & Redwood w^{ch}: if the trade had been well mannaged might have put of a great Deal of the other goods whereas they were Sold by themselves Clandestinly [and wth: out] Consultacon by Mr: Baron hee haveing Single Conference wth: the Merch^{ts}: and would not acquaint us wth: any thing so that one day the lead was carrying away unweighed out of the house; but to whome Sold, for what, and upon what acco^{t}: [wee] Knew not; w^{ch}: moved us to Speak to him, and in as humble a manner as possible asking him where that lead was goeing & for what Sold, and what contract was made for it for wee ought to Know it, and that there should have been a Consultacon for it whereupon hee proudly insulted over us, wth: Contemptable language & bitter threats Saying wee came to Quarrell wth: him, and Swore hee would make us to know ourSelves, holding up his first to Henry Mose his face, and said that hee would break ye: neck of our Combinacon that hee would call none of us to

consultacon but on Dubious Matters and that hee had made no Contract, & that twas sufficient that if after hee had sold any thing hee acquainted us wth: it, wee answer'd him hee need not bee soe angry wee came not to quarrell wth: him but enquire how the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: goods were disposed of, what Contract made for goods to bee brought in liew of them, to advice & acquaint him the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Methods and that as wee were in Councill wth: him wee ought to have free liberty of Speech and not to bee discouraged by threats; but if any difference about the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires happen'd, it ought to bee put to vote and carryed by the Majority and that not onely in dubious matters but even in the ordinary Course of Trade wee were to bee consulted wth: & acquainted y^{e} Same day a great many Merch^{ts}: & y^{e} Hoppo's people were in the house and wee came to them M^{r} Baron being there; before whome hee Quarrelled wth: us, and threatned very hard dispiseing and lessening us at a mean rate, and if truely informed worse abroad in y^{e}: Towne, Saying wee were noe more then mean assistants to him or to that Effect w^{ch}: indeed wee may reasonable beleive for neither the Jurybath nor merch^{ts}: would take any notice of any of us, this was the beginning of Sorrows.

Then began hee to invent ways how hee might act of himself to accomplish his Sinister ends, and to make his Councill void and of none Effect w^{ch}: was by closeing in wth: M^{r}: Dubois & endeavouring to incense him against Henry Mose [in] venting all y^{e}: Malice y^{e}: Divell could invent by calumnous words and invideouse railings; that Henry Mose was ꝑfidious rascall and deserved to bee hanged, & if hee were among y^{e}: Dutch would bee so Served, & that hee would look on him no more then a Boy and that hee Supposed Henry Mose would not Stay in China & that hee would turn him out of the Comp^{as}: Service and leave him behind, and that hee should neither goe himself nor yett ffreight on the Ship, neither would y^{e}: Cap^{ta}: take him aboard, and told M^{r}: Dubois hee was working to carry him to Madrass, but if not hee would invest him wth: y^{e}: power of Cheife and the next year hee would come [with five shipps . .] to goe to the north[ward] and that hee would carry him along wth: him wth: a great deal of Such Pretty Stuff to accomplish his evill designes when all this while there was no probabillity or likely [hood] of a Settlement, or any Security of Protection, no overture of either being yett made as wee Know of being wholy unacquainted wth: every thing of that Nature, and Henry Mose Knew nothing of this Contrivance, tho it had been hatching a great while till at length M^{r}: Baron being ashamed himself, to acquaint him Spoke to M^{r}: Dubois to doe it expecting thereby to have raised a Suddain passion in him (as wee beleive hee [hoped] to provoke him to burn the bookes (as hee told M^{r}: Dubois) that there might have been a fflemish acco^{t}: but that would not doe neither did Henry Mose take any notice of it to him in that manner as hee expected; soe that hee could find no occasion to turne him out of Service; nor M^{r}: Dubois find any reason for it; but now y^{e} Snake in the grass is discover'd; if hee could have ꝑswaded M^{r}: Dubois to consent to y^{e}: dismissing Henry Mose then hee had been arbitrary and would quickly have Kickt him [out] and have betrayed both into the hands of the Government as after shall appear.

The aforesaid Contrivance not takeing Effect hee begins to work anew sends ffreight goods aboard ship by his own verball order unregistred a Small part of w^{ch}: were taken in before y^{e}: Cap^{ta}: Knew of it but soe soon as hee see them, hee ask't the mates, if they had received an order from y^{e}: Cheife & Councill for them who said they had none but M^{r}: Barons by word of mouth y^{e}: Cap^{ta}: presently put a Stop to them & came to y^{e}: house & demanded an order under all our hands, or else a Generall order to receive goods from any one impowred by Generall assent to give Particular orders and to register y^{e}: goods; upon w^{ch}: M^{r}: Baron hufft at a great rate, and told y^{e}: Cap^{ta}: hee Curtal'd his authority, and that his owne order was Sufficient, which y^{e} Cap^{ta} not accepting of, a Generall order was given him, and M^{r}: Dubois impo[w]red to register y^{e}: goods and give ꝑticular order for them; accordin[g]ly M^{r}: Dubois gave an order for M^{r}: Bar[ons] goods afores^{d}: w^{ch}: were taken in, and now for a little while wee were quiet.

Some while after one night M^{r}: Baron sent for Henry Mose into his Chamber (Cap^{ta}: Burton being present) and askt him what hee resolved upon, if hee would Stay at Amoy, who answered if there were a settlement hee would Stay but hee Knew not anything like one; and that hee must bee acquainted wth: it, and bee Satisfied well M^{r}: Baron said hee were not to bee judge of that, for twas in his own power to execute that, and wee must not question it, Henry Mose told him hee was mistaken, it must bee acted by Councell, and as hee was to Stand or fall by it, hee would see it should bee on good tearms; M^{r}: Baron said hee had the Executive power, and what hee did wee must Stand too, Henry Mose said hee would [vend] as farr for y^{e}: R^{tt}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: as any man, but hee would know some grounds for [it and nor acquiess in his single oppinion, when it was] to bee done in Councill, and if hee did what hee could not answere y^{e}: President &c^{a}: would call him to an acco^{t}: for it and that hee need not bee more concerned till y^{e}: Generall came, w^{ch}: was dayly Excepted & then if he would give us his Chop for a Settlement, he should find wee should readily Tarry, M^{r}: Baron sent for an order for Such great quantitys of gruff goods of Small value that would have neare Laden the Ship and prevented others of ffreighting upon her, w^{ch}: M^{r}: Dubois told him; that others that paid ffreight as well as hee ought to lade their proporc̃ons: and that wee ought to come to an average, otherwise [twould] bee such discouragement to all ffreighters that if the like should happen again the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: must not expect any encouragement for ffreighting their ships left in the Contrey, but hee said as being Cheife hee would bee served wholly first w^{ch}: not being allowed of in reason or conscience hee then quarrelled wth: M^{r}: Dubois giveing him Scurrilous Language, and quite changed y^{e}: Scene for y^{e}: favourite is quite out of doores and all hopes of bringing to pass his Knavish designes seem's to be tak[en away] but all this while y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{bles}: bussiness went not on hee Whiffling up and down wth: Some Rascally Chinamen, that led him by y^{e}: nose under pretence to procure a settlement from y^{e}: Generall, who had no more power to doe it then any of the mandareens comparitively for when the Generall Letter for the vice King of Hockseiw was pretended to bee for him, at first, in hopes hee had power to grant us a Settlement, hee was so far from receiving of it publiquely that hee had a desire it should bee deliver'd him privately Saying that least people of greater Authority then hee when they come to hear of it should call him to acco^{t}: for haveing Correspondence wth: the English or makeing any grants wth: out their knowledge or much envy him and so twas if ever deliver'd, but whether twas or not wee cant tell not Knowing when or how or to whome for him hee being out of the way as before; thus our time & the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: money was Spent in vaine and all to accomplish his base ends, as the most part of the Ships officers can testifie if need [bee].

It may Seem to Some that M^{r}: Barons thus busling for a settlement by himself w^{ch}: wth: out doubt hee will sett forth as glossey as may bee, lett it bee never soe fabulous, haveing none other pretence for his negligence was his Sedulity and earnest endeavours for the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{us}: Interest; and indeed soe wee should have thought ourselves Knowing well it would be a great conveniency to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: to have a ffactory in China, if it could bee procured on good Termes and for our parts had rather live there if so obtained then in any part of India, but on y^{e}: contrary to bee exposed to y^{e}: rapacious humours of y^{e}: Avaritious Govern[m^{t}:] in our oppinions will be more detrimentall to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: then y^{e}: trade [will do] them good, for the Generall can't protect y^{e}: People [from] the Houphow nor y^{e}: Houphow from y^{e}: Generall, and neither from other Mandareenes (of w^{ch}: there is a great many) they haveing Single powers to inflict punishment on y^{e}: people as was instanced in y^{e}: Hoppo's beating one of y^{e}: Generalls own Servants (not wth: Standing his grandeur) wth: out acquainting him, and for all wee thought wee should have nothing to doe wth: any but the Hoppo in our trade yett another comes from Hockseiw as a Supervisor of Shipping and hee makes an enquiry onely to bee Piscash w^{ch}: if not done claps up o^{r}: Jurybath in prison as does likewise any Mandareen at his pleasure if hee is minded to gett money out of us, and thus yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: may

see what an admirable settlem^{t}: is like to be when wee can't protect our owne Servants nor bee protected ourselves indeed y^{e}: Hoppo did tell us plainly at first when wee addresst ourSelves to him for a Settlement that hee could give us a Chop to live at Amoy, but if twere not approv'd of at Court, it would bee but a disgrace to him, and prejudice to ourSelves, and further more it can't bee imagin'd, that wee could obtaine a settlement on so easie Tearmes (as M^{r}: Baron hath often said) when the Dutch this year wth: their Embassador and great present to y^{e}: Emperor could Obtaine no more then two ships out of five, to be free from taxation and no Settlement, but yearly trade by Shipping and to come every fifth year wth: their present to the Emperor.

Haveing been Silent and at peace some little time while M^{r}: Baron rainged up and down y^{e}: towne dineing at some Chinamans house or other every day seldome comeing home till late at night, and seemingly being friends wth: us nothing but curteous demeanor on either side appearing, M^{r}: Baron on a Suddain (Cap^{ta}: Burton being wth: him in y^{e}: house) went out of y^{e}: house at ten a clock at night unknown to us y^{e}: 7th: October and Stay'd out till the 10th: d^{o}: at night being Sunday for what reason could not tell, and lay at Cap^{ta}: Burtons house, wee constantly sent to him twice every day to come to dinner and Supper who refused comeing; wee thought it not convenient to Stirr out of y^{e}: house till he came home, not knowing what designes on foot the Merchants all come to the house to enquire y^{e}: Matter of M^{r}: Barons lying out, wee told them wee knew no reason for it hee haveing received noe affront from any as wee Knew of at w^{ch}: they shaked their heads and said they never saw Such doeings by y^{e}: English before; Cap^{ta}: Burton came to us whome ask't what made him keep our Cheif from us and for what reason M^{r}: Baron deserted the ffactory since hee had such a Charge on his hands, hee said hee knew not wee told him hee did not doe well for twas the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: orders that no Cheif should Lye out of y^{e}: Factory, but that the Councill should bee acquainted wth: it and that hee ought to Ballance his Cash and deliver it to his Second, till hee return'd where hee went out and not acquainted any body wth: it and how y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Cash was Secured wee could not tell tho wee kept Strict watch setting up ourSelves at night w^{ch}: Cap^{ta}: Burton acquainted him, but had no answere till Sunday night afores^{d}: a little before Supper (Cap^{ta}: Alford and some of his officers being in the house) Cap^{ta}: Burton brings a message to Henry Mose from M^{r}: Baron w^{ch}: was that on y^{e}: morrow hee would send some goods in and would have him to receive them, and that in two or three dayes hee would deliver up the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash to him who answered as for receiveing any goods hee could not except hee were present to acquaint him on what acco^{t}: they were Sent in, and if hee were soe resolved, lett come and compare his Cash wth: y^{e}: Leadg^{r}: Cash and if they agreed hee would accept it, till w^{ch}: nothing therein could bee transacted w^{ch}: message being deliver'd, while wee were at Supper hee comes in wth: Cap^{ta}: Burton and called Henry Mose into his Chamber, whome hee did abuse at a horrid rate, wth: all the Scurrilous and contemptable language imaginable for being Concern'd at his Lying out of the house Cap^{ta}: Alford being present in his Chamber and the officers in the yard in Sight of us who heard all; who answered better language would become him, and for his lying out of the house from his Charge twas unwarrantable and contrary to y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: rules and that hee ought to bee about the Comp^{as} investment for the time lapsed &c^{a}: words to this purpose at w^{ch}: hee raved that hee should bee taught y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Rules & bussiness (tho the most ignorant of any wee know that pretends soe much) threatning at a high rate, that hee would make him to [doe] himself and hee should find his power and what hee would doe, and that hee would [forbid] us to Stay by the Government Henry Mose bid him forbear his threats, but hee said hee did, and would threaten him, and would give it under his hand that hee did, Henry Mose supposeing or fearing y^{e}: Cash might bee embezled (haveing some hint of money deliver'd out, and carryed out of the house at unseasonable times in y^{e}: night, w^{ch}: wee Knew nothing of) demanded a sight of it w^{ch}: hee refused before all present, and told him hee would laugh at him to call him to acco^{t}: at w^{ch}: answere Henry Mose

went out of his Chamber desireing the Cap^{ta}: to take notice; then hee sent to call in the Government and presently some Souldyers came in; and M^{r}: Baron['s]China accomplices Soon[after] them, who came to Henry Mose his Chamber to Know what was the matter, why Such a Mattinado (M^{r}: Baron haveing acqua[i]nted them that wee turned [him] out of the house) who was answered hee knew not, there not haveing been given so much as an ill word to M^{r}: Baron, then came the Jurybath & Souldyers to call Henry Mose to M^{r}: Barons Chamber, who went and found a Souldier wth: a sword setting Justice like to Examine y^{e}: matter, Henry Mose asked M^{r}: Baron what hee meant by calling in the Government if hee had aught against him, there was the Cap^{ta}: was Sufficient to afford him assistance and that hee put himself under the Cap^{ta}: Protection to rescue him from the Government, and that hee resolv'd to be cutt in peeces rather then to bee taken out of the house by the Souldiers our own People of the Ships Comp^{a}: that Kept watch in the house, were for leaveing us, Saying they would not watch any longer, if Such things were Suffer'd, that they would not undertake that charge if the Souldiers must come into the house, (but M^{r}: Baron was minded to bee gaurded by them) and had it not been by our perswasions they had left the house presently, M^{r}: Baron could give no other reason, why hee Sent for the Soldiers, but that hee went in fear of his life, Henry Mose ask't him if any body had threaten'd him, or given any ill Language to him, were there so much as misbehaveing word spoken to him by any body and were wee not all friends to appearance, before hee left the house, nay y^{e}: very same day, had wee not an affable Conference, and what jealousies raged in his mind to move him to this dishonourable action, hee Said Wee had a Combinacõn together against him, who was answerd hee was mistaken, our Combinacõn if hee called it so, was for y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: bussiness w^{ch}: wee were greatly concern'd to see neglected, and for w^{ch}: wee ought all to Combine together, and not to bee seperate and act Singly as hee did; the Tartarian Justice was very civill, and understanding y^{e}: humour desired to see us friends before hee went away w^{ch}: was readyly embraced by Henry Mose, who went to M^{r}: Baron and desired him for Gods sake not to lett jealousies bee harboured in his mind, but to shake hands & be friends, and goe on briskly wth: y^{e}: R^{tt}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Investment w^{ch}: accordingly was done, then M^{r}: Dubois came to him to shake hands wth: him w^{ch}: hee refused, but Henry Mose told him wee must bee all friends, as being servants together, or elce twould bee to no purpose w^{ch}: then was agreed to, and soe that humour ceased and away went the Soldiers.

Now the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Investment began to goe on and the Merch^{ts}: brought in soe[much] goods, for what deliver'd out, haveing great trouble wth: them, putting upon us what they pleased, or else must have none or at least d[e]lay so long that wee must bee forc't to take them at last at what rates they pleased, there being noe Contract made (as before mention'd) and they gott into our debts w^{ch}: they allways Strive to doe to gett the advantage; then M^{r}: Baron s[aw] his Error and Spoke to us to doe what wee could and gave liberty to buy and sell, but 'twas soe late first being November and M^{r}: Baron not stirring about any thing Keeping his Chamber as unconcerned that wee had much adoe to gett what wee have, nevertheless all y^{e}: goods that wee bought or took in was show'd to him for his approbacõn often times Henry Mose would represent to him the Shortness of our time, for w^{ch}: he would bee angry, and Said hee Knew his own bussiness, and wee must not precipitate, then delay'd againe so that nothing was done what might have been in this little time, and tis our opinion, all that is done, might as well have been done a month before as then, the greatest part of y^{e}: goods wee have being in y^{e}: towne, when wee first came as is well known; but hee still followed more delayes and endeavouring to quarrell to the last moment of time; now hee falls upon M^{r}: Dubois and nothing would Serve him; but hee must turne him out of the Service, and frames a parcell of Storys w^{ch}: hee committs to paper and charges them on him then haveing made friends wth: Henry Mose, shakeing him by y^{e}: hand & telling him hee had a great Kindness for him and his family and would doe him all the good hee could, and that hee Knew theire could not bee time to make up y^{e}: bookes ashoar, therefore would take him along

wth : him to Madrass but M^{r} : Dubois must Stay behind who told him if there were any Settlement hee must and would Stay himself very willingly ; M^{r} : Baron said in y^{e} : afternoone, we must all goe before y^{e} : Tonloyaw, w^{ch} : wee did, also y^{e} : Cap^{ta} : and M^{r} : Harris, who was very pleasant and Kindly received us, and as soon as seated hee askt us how wee did, and if wee had sould all our goods w^{ch} : was answer'd by M^{r} : Baron no, but the greatest part of them, hee then replyed, if wee had not sold all y^{e} : Generall had wrote to him, to grant leave for 2 or 3 of us to tarry there to Sell y^{e} : residue of them, M^{r} : Baron answer'd as for Henry Mose, hee must goe wth : him because of y^{e} : books, but Daniell Dubois and Francis Willcox must by force tarry there, and bid our Jurybath desire y^{e} : Tonloyaw to take there finall answere whether they would Stay or not at the hearing of w^{ch} : Daniell Dubois was not a little Surprized not being before acquainted of this matter no Consultacon ever being held about it, no tearmes ever offer'd, no Chop ever produced, or security of Protection for ourSelves or the Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : goods from Violence the Tonloyaw to w^{ch} : did answere that in regard our King and they were good ffriends hee could not keep them by force but if they would Stay voluntarily they might, and accordingly Daniell Dubois and ffrancis Willcox were asked again whether they would Stay or not to w^{ch} : Daniell Dubois replyed ; hee gave the Generall many thanks for his Kindness and favour and wth : all told him, that to Stay there onely to Sell our goods that remained was quite contrary to our orders & instructions w^{ch} : did (unless wee could obtaine a Settlement or ffactory) possitively order us back to Madrass, & require us to carry our Remains along wth : us by the Same Ship and that upon such condition y^{e} : said Daniell Dubois was not willing to tarry w^{ch} : answere was returned to y^{e} : Tonloyaw, who said if the next year, wee applyed ourSelves to Pekin the Generall would give us his let^{rs} : of recommendacon to that Court, and beleived wee might obtain a Factory, to w^{ch} : hee was farther answer'd that when that was obtained wee could tarry, but not upon other tearmes wth : w^{ch} : answere hee Seemed well Satisfied Saying hee would give y^{e} : Generall an acco^{t} : of them, and after a little other discourse &c^{a} : wee were all dismist, this bussiness was ready cut out to our hands, unknown to all of us till y^{e} : time came, w^{ch} : so Surpriz'd us that wee began to question among ourSelves whether it were best to goe or not, fearing that M^{r} : Barons Correspondence wth : y^{e} : Governm^{t} : and his promised Presents, might betray us into their hands ; w^{ch} : by his own word hee might have done, but this being past & over, wee thought now nothing remained but to conclude y^{e} : R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : investment and to dispatch the Ship as soon as possible ; wth : in here time, and to have made bills of Ladeing and Invoice and repair'd aboard, but on the contrary M^{r} : Baron still delay'd and prosecuted his Envy against M^{r} : Dubois, drawing up a paper to dismiss him w^{ch} : hee show'd to Henry Mose ; who told him hee could not consent to any such thing not Knowing anything hee had to charge him wth : if hee found hee was uncapable of his bussiness or unfaithfull, lett him draw up his charge and prove it, and Henry Mose would readyly consent, but if twas only upon refuseing to Stay behind, hee could not, and M^{r} : Dubois was going to Madrass to answere for himself, and wee had need of more people to finish our bussiness rather then dismiss any at this juncture whereupon hee sent to the Cap^{ta} : to have his assent to y^{e} : paper ; but the Cap^{ta} : replyed lett him draw up his charge and show it to his own people whose bussiness 'twas & then hee should see what hee would doe (tho hee did not show y^{e} : Cap^{ta} : y^{e} : paper but only told him y^{e} : Contents) this hook not takeing M^{r} : Baron grew Sullen, and now Spoke of leaving the Ship and all bussiness fflag'd to the last day being y^{e} : 20th : Saterday and then in y^{e} : morning hee went out & told Henry Mose, hee would come againe presently, but did not, the Cap^{ta} : came ashoar and waited for his comeing in, who not appearing at 4 a clock in y^{e} : afternoon deliver'd us a protest, upon w^{ch} : Henry Mose went immediatly wth : y^{e} : Cap^{ta} : to the place where hee was being one of his China accomplices house, and deliver'd y^{e} : Protest, who said nothing to it, Henry Mose beggd heartily of the Cap^{ta} : to Stay till Tuesday night who promised to Stay till Munday night in w^{ch} : time M^{r} : Bar[o]n said hee would do all the bussiness, accordingly on Sunday wee workt all day long and embaled & sent

off goods on Munday the Cap^{ta}: came ashoar in y^{e}: morning and prest M^{r}: Baron to forward y^{e}: bussiness, for hee would sett Saile and lye out a little farther (haveing all of us wth: y^{e}: Cap^{ta}: taken leave of y^{e}: Tonloyaw and Hoppo before) w^{ch}: was assented to by M^{r}: Baron, & immediatly the Cap^{ta}: went aboard and sett sail, and in y^{e}: afternoon came ashore againe, then wee sent of more goods wth: w^{ch}: M^{r}: Willcox went, and acquainted M^{r}: Baron therewth: who replyed very well then Henry Mose hasted to send off some more goods of the Comp^{as}: and some ffreight goods, when some of them, were put into y^{e}: boats and the rest agoeing to bee laden, the Jurybath came in wth: some people of the Government who said that neither Ship men nor goods must Stir till wee went altogether, so y^{e}: goods was brought back out of the boats againe & the Cap^{ta}: Chid by M^{r}: Baron for running away wth: y^{e}: Ship pretending that hee had not leave to goe when as hee had taken a Solemn leave wth: us all of y^{e}: Tonloyaw and the Shipp clear'd by y^{e}: Hoppo, thus the Government was brought a second time into y^{e}: house w^{ch}: cost the Cap^{ta}: Something to appease y^{e}: people, now M^{r}: Baron declared hee would not goe upon y^{e}: Ship, upon w^{ch}: the Cap^{ta}: Said' 'twas to no purpose for him to Stay any longer, so hee and M^{r}: Dubois went of that night, intending to Sail in the morning, and told Henry Mose ; if hee intended to goe on y^{e}: Ship hee must come very early Henry Mose hopeing to work some good of M^{r}: Baron Staid that night wth: him, and perswaded him to goe wth: us ; and that hee would make up acco^{ts}: for him presently, but hee replyed hee had rather dye in Amoy then go on the Ship and that hee would come on Cap^{ta}: Burton. Henry Mose told him twould bee of illconsequence to leave the Ship, being expressly charged in our orders to come upon her and that twould bee impossible to make up y^{e}: books wth: out him, not haveing his acco^{t}: of Cash M^{r}: Baron Spoke to Henry Mose to goe wth: him on Cap^{ta}: Burtons Ship w^{ch}: indeed hee had allmost promised him because of the makeing up of acco^{ts}: but after considering it would bee a breach of order, and that y^{e}: warehouse book and Stewards acco^{ts}: were in M^{r}: Dubois & M^{r}: Willcox hands and wth: out them hee could not doe nothing resolved to come on the Ship, accordingly haveing taken leave of him, in the morning by break of day went aboard wth: intent to come ashoare again if could perswade the Cap^{ta}: to Stay two or three dayes longer, but that could not bee his time being soe farr. Spent, that hee was afraid of looseing his passage about the Cape ; especially haveing noe hopes of M^{r}: Barons goeing on the Ship, w^{ch}: if hee could have been assured of [would] possibly have Stayed longer; after Henry Mose came on board hee sent a letter to M^{r}: Baron to desire him to send an acco^{t}: of his Cash, & y^{e} Comp^{as}: &c^{a}: goods off (that was Stopt by the Governm^{t}) in his hands and the rest of the Comp^{as}: Concernes, who sent a letter again that hee Knew no reason to render any acco^{ts}: to us, so that wee could have no redress the Ship being ready to Sail w^{ch}: accordingly shee did the next morning.

It may reasonably bee supposed your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: would expect bills of Lading and Invoice for the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: goods, as for Bills of ladeing they could not bee firmed y^{e}: Investment not being concluded before y^{e}: Ships time was out & soe far as wee understood (tho wee could not bee ready time enough to prove it) the Cap^{ta}: would not have Signed bills of Ladeing for Madrass, but according to Chart[ter] Party for England, soe that the Boatswaine receipts is all wee have gott, and then for an Invoice to bee made exact as i[t] should bee, is wholly impossible, goods being embaled up, some by one body and some by another, as M^{r}: Barons humour hitt, and wee glad to catch them, that wee can onely give a Generall acco^{t}: of y^{e}: wh^{t}: of some, and number of parcells of others, nor can wee truely charge you in y^{e} books wth: what Laden till y^{e}: goods bee overlookt, Such as wee could doe is herewth: enclosed and a List of y^{e}: ffreight goods, and hope yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will accept of y^{e}: will for the deed and if wee could have been more perfect, should not have failed one Iota.

Wee have understood Since aboard that M^{r}: Baron has sent a letter by a Private hand to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: & Seal'd it wth: y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Seal, but how hee came by that Seal Know not unless hee had it cutt in Amoy by yo^{r}:

hon^{r} : &c^{a} : Generall to y^{e} : Vice King of Hockseiw, and for what reason had it cutt cant tell, and hope noe ill may come on't, but if there does we never Knew any thing of it.

This Sort of writeing is Strangely disagreeable to our Tempers could wee wth : Consience and honesty any ways avoid it wee hope to see M^{r} : Baron face to face before you w^{ch} : if hee comes before y^{e} : Ship goes for England wee may not bee beleiv'd only on our own reports but shall prove most of it by severall wittnesses for things was not done soe in a Corner but that they were conspicuous to him that had but half an eye or any unbiast person notwth :Standing all y^{e} : Machivillian Politicks & closett Councill Contrivances & Intregiues.

Wee need not Suggest to yo^{r} : hon^{r} : &c^{a} : for what reason these things were transacted but leave it to yo^{r} : more discerning judgments to determine.

Wee should give your hon^{r} : &c^{a} : some acco^{t} : of the trades of China w^{ch} : in our opinions is no more then this, it is true y^{e} : Chinamen are a Crafty and Knavish sort of people in Generall but tis as easy to cheat them in many things (if one was Sett on't) as they to cheat us, the difference is only a good Linguist & y^{e} : difficulty of appeale, if they are trusted as y^{e} : old proverb Sayes noe further then they can bee flung they may bee dealt well enough wth : all, that is here is one thing for y^{e} : other ; for they are very loath to bee brought to acco^{t} : if they gett into debt, and when they are twill bee at advantage otherwise they may bee dealt wth : all well enough, this wee Know by experience, soe that if this rule bee followed there need not bee all that bussle and Stirr w^{ch} : some People make of it, the onely thing to bee avoided is to Keep out of y^{e} : hands of y^{e} : Government as much as may bee for every little courtesie done by them, must bee seveerly paid for, and not onely to them but to every little rascally Servant that belongs to them w^{ch} : wee have found to our cost another thing is to avoid abusses & take affronts, for Some will give all y^{e} : occasion imaginable to provoke, and if in y^{e} : ffray there bee but a broaken Pate or Prick of a ffinger comparitively that blood is fetch't thereby then a fine right or wrong, not valueing the first occasion must bee Inflicted, and many Such like Pittyfull wayes, to gett money out of Strangers w^{ch} : wee have Seen, tho think none could give less occasion then wee the Ships Comp^{a} : being as civill as can bee expected M^{r} : Gladman &c^{a} : hath Sufficiently experienced it whose letter wee have to Show yo^{r} hon^{r} : &c^{a} : though greatly contemn'd by M^{r} : Baron at first, yett true in Generall of what wee have found differing onely by alteracõn of officers, or great men in Government and tho wee could not escape wth:out Presents to Some of y^{e} : great Mandareens, yett if they had not been so much tampered wth : all, wee might have come off wth : much less, there being a Second present for the Tonloyaw greater then the first for his proffering us to Stay to Sell our Remaining goods tho hee could not protect us from the next Hoppo or Peopo, that should come, hee haveing nothing to doe wth : y^{e} : trade.

There being severall other remarks w^{ch} : should have been here incerted, if wee had remain'd remote from your hon^{r} : &c^{a} : but comeing to your presence wee are ready to give them at Command, soe commending ourselves to your hon^{rs}: &c^{a} : favours wee must respectfully Remaine.

Your hon^{rs} : &c^{a} : Most Obsequious
Serv^{ts} : and faithfull ffriends

HENRY MOSE.
DAN^{LL} : DUBOIS.

Dated on board y^{e} : Ship
Shrewsbury
Decemb^{r} : 30th: 1686.

Gentlemen

No. 11. Wee haveing for 5 months time experienced y^e^: nature and quallity of these people Recommend to you the ffollowing lines, whereby to take y^e^: better measures in your affaires for you have to deal w^th^: Divills in mens Shapes:

At yo^r^: arrivall Show all kind respect to the Mandareens that come on board Especially y^e^; People [*sic*] alias Customer, and the Capt^a^ of y^e^: Soldiers alias the next person to the Generall, who w^th^: y^e^: Generall you must oblidge and present; if you expect yo^r^: bussiness to goe on, and if yo^r^: Peohppo requires y^e^: Custome of all yo^r^: goods before you bring them ashoar, you have noe helpe, but to pay it (for although hee was soe Kind to us as to Stay for the Custome of what left, these people paying it for all you buy or Sell them w^ch^: they lower upon your goods & raise on their owne) nevertheless were wee to come againe would choose to discharge the Custome at first; whereby to bee ride of waiters & other Petty officers to y^e^: number of 8 or 10 that will bee continually in your house, who you will find very abusive w^ch^: you must take, for Should you Strick them it would prove of very ill consequence, & that w^ch^: they would have him doe, for although you have all y^e^: reason on your Side in the world, you will bee hindred from complaining by y^e^: Mandareens Servant's who have little or noe wages but live by what they can gett by cheating & other base ways; wee likewise recommend to you to give Strict order to all yo^r^; men not to meddle w^th^: any person although occasion bee given, and not to Suffer above 4 or 5 to bee ashoare at a time for the place affording much Hockshoe; & cheap, your men may gett drunk and give an abuse, soe make tumult about yo^r^ house & thereby possibly Steale Some of yo^r^: goods, and make as if the bussiness was very great when all is onely to gett a little money, w^ch^: if they can't gett by fair means will have by fowl, and for yo^r^: Selves & Officers if are abused very highly by noe means draw yo^r^: Sword, for should you, it may cost your Pocket a thousand Tale, if not yo^r^: lives, for the better to avoide y^e^: evill will bee convenient to wear none, and is what wee can say as to the Mandareens Servants & ordinary Sort of people.

The Persons that it will bee absolutely necessary to make presents to are four Viz^t^: The Generall who will expect to y^e^: amount of 300 Tale then the Peahpo or Customer 150: or 200 T^a^: & Y^e^: Cap^ta^: of y^e^: Souldiers to the value of 200 or at least 150 Tale hee being a person that continues here, and in y^e^: Generalls absence who continually Removes from place to Settle affaires being Govern^r^: of Severall Cittys Governes all, Soe tis very convenient to make him your friend; the other person is one that acts next to the Peohpo which will bee but Small, at most not to exceed 30 Tale, w^ch^: four persons you must oblidge; and although the[y] may Seemingly refuse nay slight, yett you must press them to accept, and Esteem it a favour, otherwise noe bussiness will goe on, and this to bee done when you have gott a chope to Sell yo^r^: goods; the foremenc̃oned values & something more wee were forced to comply w^th^: w^ch^: possibly might not have amounted to Soe much had it not been for a theife that had his thygh broake by a Musquett ball on the other side by a man belonging to Cap^ta^: Goodlad in the Loyall Adventure, whose life was not expected, Soe could doe noe otherwise, but heartily wish you may come off on easier Tearms; w^ch^: you may argue for if not give offence; many other Mandareens there bee that will send you presents of Hoggs Henns Goats &c^a^: w^ch^: is onely in expectac̃on of a great retalliac̃on; and experienced by us, but would advice you if wholly Strangers & noe [one] was acquainted, to refuse it Civilly for they can doe you noe harme whatever they pretend, and if you finde they will leave it, then lett them understand you intend to make a small present but not accept what Sent w^ch^: will clear you from their lash.

The onely persons that you may Creditt in this Citty are but two Chaban Chanco well Known in this place and to the Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Servants formerly resideing here, and is a person that will take off most of your Cargoe; if proper and good & whatever hee Engages for, doe really beleive will performe; for whatever the Mandareens have a mind to; trust none of your goods out of yo^r^: house; except hee engages for payment otherwise you must expect never to bee paid, or

not to receive to half their value; the best of them being beggars; the other person to Creditt is Pinco, who Knows our methods for many yeares past; and though not soe great a Merchant as the other; yett pretty honest for what hee Deals for; and punctuall to his word, but trust none to weigh your goods either sold or bought, for there in y^e^: best of them are Rogues; many other Merch^ts^: you may have to deal w^th^: but receive y^e^: value of what ever you part w^th^: before hand.

Wee Knowing you cannot bee w^th^: out a Linguist, Recommend to you a person by name Tanco; who has been employed by us dureing y^e^: time of our Stay; & have found to bee y^e^: most fitt person for that Employ, the onely thing can bee complained of is hee will perswade you to make severall presents. That are needless and argue Strongly for yo^r^: compliance but tis nothing but what hee is forced to by the Mandareens themselves; like beggerly Rascalls as they are, for whose Interest if hee cannot Prevaile; tis possible hee may bee bambood, soe that what hee acts in that respect is more out of fear then love to them.

A materiall thing more to advice you of is in respect to yo^r^: Customes (w^ch^: had almost forgott) is that it will bee required of you to pay yo^r^: Customes in fine Silver w^ch^: will bee Six ℔ Cent more then Dollars, and is in little peeices of an ounce weight, & under w^ch^: if you Stand out, may Evade however y^e^: overweight of y^e^: Customers Datchin you will find to bee 13 if not 15 to 18 ℔ Cent heavier then what you receive, & pay by w^ch^: will bee according as they are pleased but if possible desire y^e^: Peohpo to weigh y^e^: Money himself; otherwise his Servants will basely cheate, and abuse you.

Now if yo^r^: Cargoe b[e] Propper, & good; tis possible may dispose of a great quantity; if nott all & a great quantity of Dollars will bee a great help & make your goods vend much better in truck for these Countrey Commodities, w^th^: out w^ch^: goods will prove but a Drugg; & you will bee under their lash to doe & give you what they please, for they will force you to give what they will, and yo^r^: goods may lye on yo^r^: hands unless will consent to their pleasure; if prove you have little or noe money, although a proper Cargoe, the nearest wee can guess at the rate of goods will bee viz^t^: if at y^e^: time of year wee were here, Raw Silk y^e^: best at 157 to 160 Tale ℔ Pecull the worst 130 Tale Sugar Candy white 3½ Tale Sugar 2^Ta^: Allum 60 Candareens & upwards.

All w^ch^: will bee lower or hyer according to the Quantity of goods in Town; & vessells in y^e^: Port, besides when you have done what you can; & y^e^: time drawn neare for yo^r^: going, you must bee at some charge to the Cheife Mandareens Servants who possibly at yo^r^: goeing away may Strive to bring you into inconveniences by ℔swading you to Runn soe Custome of goods of w^ch^: themselves are to have half of what Saved, but by noe meanes concent there to; but choose rather to give an honest & Just acco^t^: of all for if you lye under their lash: twill cost you more in a long runn; then what in reallity y^e^: true amount will bee besides disgrace & of Scandall you will lye under.

The foregoing being y^e^: best advice wee can think of, w^ch^: if followed will prove (as will find) to yo^r^: advantage in y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: affaires; Soe wish you good Success & Safe deliverance from these unreasonable people Remaine.

Your very Loveing ffriends

JOHN GLADMAN.
BARKER HIBBINS.
BENJ^A^: ALEYNE.

Amoy ult^o^: Xber 1685.

P.S.—Further would advice you to open every bundle Raw Silk you buy; & Return them y^e^: great Knob of Course you will find in y^e^: middle as alsoe lett not your bindings exceed a Tale weight.

THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM GYFFORD [ESQR] PRESIDENT & THE WORPLL: COUNCELL. AMOY FACTORY 23D: 9BR: 1686.

Honoble: Sr: & Srs:

No. 12. Before I could possibly accomplish ye: Investment and receive the Debts owne to the Honble: Compa: the Ships time by Charter Party expired and ye: Commander begun to deport himself so unruly as was both detrimentall to ye: Rtt: Honble: Compas: Concernes and a great shame to the nation, however hee pretended on our Request to Stay 2 or 3 day's longer; and did soe; but it was at Such distance from the Town, that the Houphow would not permit mee to Send of anything Considerable for fear of his Customes besides this unreasonable man wth :out any respect to the Rtt: Honble: Compa: hath granted passage to all those appointed to Stay here as it was offer'd in the Generalls name but refused by them to accept thereof who under severall pretences deserted ye: ffactory, and the Rtt: Honble: Compas: Service and Stole on board the Ship; thus desolate wth :out accots: of the warehouse list of ffreight goods &ca: wth: tho I offten required of Mr: Dubois (a most refractory malitious one) hee constantly deny'd to give mee any pretending hee was answerable himself for the Godowne this and other Irregular proceedings of my assosiates; are the Cause that [in]capacitated mee of rendring yor: honr: an exact accot: of the Rtt: Honble: Compas: Concernes at present, but hope to doe it on my arrivall att Madrass; whereby the Grace of God I may bee wth :in few days after the Ship; Staying now onely to Compleat what remaines and to further the Generalls Embassy to yor: honr: whose goods ye: Capta: fflatly deny'd to receive on board pretending the Ship could not take them in, a great discourtecy to a person of that Eminent Quallity; who has been soe Kind & free as to grant the Honble: Compa: a Provisionall Settlement in this place of wch: more particularly in his own Letter Publiquely deliver'd mee &ca: but our own people are the Cause that the Compa: have noe ffactory hereby their refuseing this Important offer; what they have ffurther acted to ffrustrate your honrs: good Intentions & my endeavours; the Inclosed manifest will amply declare; to wch: I humbly Referr your honr: onely a word more (time pressing upon mee) is that your honr: please to take notice that Mr: Dubois has permitted Severall ffreight goods to bee laded upon the Ship wth :out my Cognizance; soe I could not gett laded a Considerable part of the produce of those Concernes wch: came upon publique ffreight they haveing filld the Ship and the Commander has made the worst Stowidge hee could for fear it Should bee a hindrance to him in his quick proceeding for Madrass; soe praying the Almighty for yor: Honrs: &ca: Prosperity, I am Constantly:

Honorable & Worshipfull
Your Most humble faithfull Servant
SAMUELL BAROON.

No. 13. To all Persons of what quallity or Conditions greeting, whereas the Honble: President &ca: Worpll: Councill in Madrass have thought fitt to Send ye: Ship Shrewsbury Capta: Alford Commander and mySelf &ca: ffactors on her to this Port of Amoy: or where else ye: Rtt: Honble: Compas: Servants (that came from Surratt) might bee Resident on ye: Coast of China, and order'd them and us jointly; to finish the important and much desired Settlement of a ffactory in this Empire a matter wch: has cost ye: Rtt: Honble: Compa: allready very much, and for wch: their Servants have laboured (tho wth :out Success) dilligently and zealously the two preceeding year's Successively, but in case of their departure or absence, then to follow such instrucons and directions as his honr: &ca: were pleased to appropriate & grant us for our Governance; accordingly (to my Sorrow) wee found on our arrivall here Mr: Gladman &ca: were gone; none of the Rtt: Honble: Compas: Servants left in this place onely their letter was deliverd to us wch: for the Trouble therein menconed was no Small discouragement; thus perplext & in the obscurity of infinite doubts

in a place I never was before; wth:out friend or Confident to advise wth: I was forced to trace out Sutable expedients for to conduct and Commence usuall very difficu[l]t their hon^{rs}: bussiness; w^{ch}: by good fortune had soe happy a beginning as better hardly could bee expected from a Houphow the Generall indeed most liberally offer'd us his help and promised immediately after his Excellency was informed of the Contents of our Govern^{rs}: &c^{a}: Councill of Madrass letter to him to grant the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: a Settlement in this Port; his Deputy noe less ready to befriend us; then willingly Espoused the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Interest and protected us under his Governm^{t}: from violence and abusses; so that to the admira~on even of the China men, wee accumulated much favour and gott great Credit wth: y^{e}: Majestrates; in a short time, on w^{ch}: Solid Basis the trade was begun: but finding it to bee besett wth: many thornes and Prickles of difficulty and deceits, I thought materiall to remove what encumbrances I could out of our way, wherein I think I have Speed: so (there Craft and tricks notwth: Standing) as to necessitate them to refraine in great measure their cheating humour; and bee honest against their will so farr forth that they dare scarce bring to our house any Counterfett or unmerchandable goods; or to ask for a thing much above it reall value of our people; these advantages; concurring wth: y^{e}: happy Success of a prosperous negotiation for our R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Employers; I rejoice to Say, that tis our good fortune; their Hon^{rs}: goods (already bought) for quallity and price is cheaper by 40 if not 60 ℔ Cent this year then it has been bought for yett in China and this was obtained especially by a method of trade not observed to ford our ffactory in peace and Tranquillity (I mean as to the Natives) far differant ffrom what it was the last year wth: Sufficient liberty and priviledges, as well might content orderly and well meaning people &c^{a}.

Bee it then Manifest to all that notwth: Standing my foremenc̃oned Labour troubles endeavours and assidious applycations meditac̃ons both for a Settlement in this place in particular and the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Trade in Generall; Some restless malicious Spirits (not Satisfied wth: or Consious of their former irregular perverse actings) contrary to their duty and faith to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: direct against their hon^{rs}: Interest & good Government to the dishonour of the nation, have audaciously and impudently suffer'd themselves to bee so farr Transported by their weakness and sordid baseness as to devise and vomitt many Calumnys (truly Infernall) against the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: (tho masked wth: my name) w^{ch}: their confederates and China Dependants did not fail to asperse abroad; reporting and whispering I was of no acco^{t}: because a Dutch man and not to bee trusted, wherefore others were Sett over mee; to inspect my actions w^{ch}: hath bee[n] very fraudulent and unfaithfull to y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: as will bee proved against mee, when come to Madrass, wherefore the Generalls Servants were advised not to Credit my words; for they were all Lyes, and the Suggestion of Malicious contrivances; to compass my own private ends, and by no means to Send the Junk to Madrass; w^{ch}: the Generall has design'd; Since infallibly Shee will bee Seized on and confiscated there for Debts ~oweing by mee to the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: If I did not contrive to make her away; and Drowne her men in Sea by Clandestine practice &c^{a}: tending nót onely to make y^{e}: nation odious and Seclude the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: this Countrey; who sent her a Rogue and a Pirate for their Cheife but more particular to Subvert the intended Settlement w^{ch}: wth: care and tenderness I have almost brought to desired point; to divert and cool y^{e}: Generall's inclinac̃ons for a Correspondency wth: our Governour finally to incapacitate mee from Effecting what wee have in charge from y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: President &c^{a}: that they might rejoice in my ill Success; wherefore least the said Calumny should prove of pernicious consequence and detrimentall either in part or whole to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires (w^{ch}: God in his mercy prevent) I thought convenient by this manifest to lett every one understand the present Posture of affaires; and soe to have acquitted my duty.

Amoy ffactory November ℔^{mo}: 1686.

SAMUELL BARON.

Conimeer y^e^: 2^D^: January 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

To the Hon^ble^: W^M^: Gyfford Esq^R^:
President & Govern^R^: &c^A^: Councell
in Fort S^T^: George.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

N^o^: 14. Yo^rs^: of the 27^th^ of y^e^: last, come to my hand y^e^: 11^th^: Ditto wherein your hon^r^: &c^a^: advicese mee to Send you a Coppy of my Commission the w^ch^: accordingly I have now done, and haveing Seriously weighed y^e^: Consequences of goeing down to Pullecherry think it now not to bee prudence but rather Rashness, by reason there being now four great Ships of y^e^: ffrench; & that our Ship being soe full of goods as not capable to undertake soe hazardous an Exploit; Especially Singly and full laden; to engage w^th^: the four prementioned great Shipps; doe therefore intend by y^e^: first oppertunity to bee plying towards y^e^: Fort; but I have try'd these two day's and can doe noe good upon it.

I would begg the ffavour of yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: to Consider the great expence I am att (Provissions being soe dear) w^th^: these ten Soldiers that I have on board for the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: who are very willing and desireous of yo^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: pleases) to Travell towards yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^:; or to take up their dyett here on shoar, and if I have not an oppertunity of Sailing towards you I begg yo^r^: hon^rs^: &c^a^: Answere in this Case to.

Your Honours &c^a^:
Most humble Servant
Thomas Batten.

Translate of a letter [from] Treambaca Boosala to y^e^: Hon^ble^: W^M^: Gyfford Esq^R^: President of Fort S^T^: George.

N^o^: 15. I enjoye good health wishing to hear the like from yo^r^: hon^r^: I lately received a letter from your honour and heartily Rejoyce at the contents thereof wherein your hon^r^: is pleased according to my former Request to give my fam[i]ly the liberty of comeing to Reside in yo^r^: Towne w^ch^: when occasion offers I shall make bold to trouble you therew^th^: assuring myself of your hon^rs^: usuall Kindness and favour, and haveing found it in severall respects; I shall as in duty bound Still beleive it, I have now by mee Some Elephants w^ch^: I have given out are designd to your parts for Sale; when arrived w^th^: you, please to take a little care of them desireing your hon^rs^: answere hereto; as Soon as your conveniency will ℔ mitt wishing yo^r^: hon^r^: all health and happiness and begg I may bee acquainted therew^th^: as often as occasion shall serve.

Madapollam 28^th^: December 168[$\frac{6}{7}$].

To the Hon^ble^: William Gyfford Esq^R^:
President & Govern^our^ of Fort S^T^:
George &c^A^: Councill.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

N^o^: 16. Wee have Received yo^r^: Generall of y^e^: 9^th^: Curr^tt^: on the 22^d^: adviseing your Receipt of o^rs^: of y^e^: 19^th^: Ult^mo^: w^th^: y^e^: enclosed papers our Merch^ts^: will not bee prevailed w^th^: to take off y^e^: Europe goods in Barter for Callicoes. They alleadge not only y^e^: badness of y^e^: times for an excuse but likewise insist upon their contract as formerly advis'd.

Wee observe you are pleased to approve our payment of y^e^: Merch^ts^: Debts from y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: in Silver; nor have wee omitted by all manner of arguments to perswade them to bring in a large quantity of goods upon advance this year. They tell us they will use their utmost endeavours; and they have and dayly put out goods to cureing w^ch^: goe but slowly forward; the want of washers being a great impediment; aboundance of them being dead in this time of ffamin.

By reason of Mr: Fosters Sickness and Mr: Wrights indisposition Our Consultacons & letters Sent & received are not yett Transcribed for England wee hope to Send them by the 10th: of the next month; wee have not else to add save our Most humble Services presented from

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: obedient and most humble Servts
Samll: Wales.
Richard Brereton.

Cuddalore ye: 5th January 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

To the Honble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr:
President and Governr: &ca: Councill in
Fort Sr: George.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Wee have received yors: of ye: 17th: & 30th: past, to ye: needfull of wch: shall now respectfully reply. No. 17.

Sloop Thomas arriv'd at Porto Novo ye: 19th: past, on whome twas orderd to lade what Bales there, and to dispatch her towards us as soon as possible, to comepleat her ladeing here, wch: was done ye: 24th: past, and is now in sight of this roade and hope shee may fetch it this evening; & the reason shee hath been soe long from Porto Novo was by contrary winds & a Strong Currant that shee could not Stem it wth: out a faire and fresh gale; but as soone as shee arrives here, shall take care to dispatch her wth: all possible expedition towards you, when wee shall advise you what Remaines of Bales wee have for Europe; and hope there may [be] no occasion of wth: drawing these ffactorys, (as intended haveing this day obliged our Merchts: here to contract wth: us for an Investment to the amount of Pagas: 80000 on ye: conditions of Conimeer (except advanceing a proporcon of money as done there) wch: are to bring in goods to the amount both as to quality & price abateing 13 ℔ Cent on ye: new Sorts if soe there, wch: our Merchants advice to bee but 12 ℔ Cent besides the Dustore wch: was allow'd on them before wch: please to advice and whether it bee agreed to deliver ye: Merchts: there ye: Europe goods at Pagas: 20 ℔ half ps: Broad Cloth ordinary & 10 ℔ Cent abatement on all other goods on ye: former prizes if soe ye: abatement on our goods will bee a much greater loss then ye: abatement on the Merchts: an advantage; the Investment agreed wth: them for is to bee concluded by ye: fine September nex[t] and wee are obliged to deliver them on that accot: to the amot: of pagas: 30000 in Europe goods at the Conimeer price for what shall bee deliver'd them of the Sorts Sold there; and for what of other Sorts to agree wth: them for ye: price as you shall please to order; wch: is not concluded on, to pay them ye: amount in money; and the Remainder pagas: 50000 that will bee due on that accot: to bee paid them by ye: fine July next (or as Soon as you shall have it) wth: the Interest at 9 ℔ Cent ℔ añ to Commence three months after Signeing Sealing ye: Contract; and to run on till satisfied; and wee are obliged to pay what due to them on the last Investment both principall & Interest as the aforesaid time for the Rest; now if what our Merchts: advise bee true as to the agreement at Conimeer (wch: can by noe means confide in) what formerly proposed to you from hence was more advantageous; but if wee conclude on there; there is now noe remedy for it here; tho could have wished wee had a better Example; and tho you are pleas'd to shew your dissatisfaccon at our payment of what money remitted to our Merchts:

Though an absolute necessity for it haveing before borrow'd it of them yett you may please to beleive that Mr: Davis hath now oblig'd himself to furnish them wth: pagas: 5000 to assist them in the carrying on theire bussiness as to the Rtt: Honble: Compas: affaires; and hath further promised to assist them wth: what more hee can when it shall please God to arrive his effects in his hands; soe that hope you will bee well satisfied there hath been noe endeavours of ours wanting to oblige the Merchts: to bee Serviceable to them, and what wee proposed to you

therein was never pretended (as you are pleased to terme it) but real as now appears; wee hope our next may advice you our concludeing wth: the Porto Novo Merch^{ts}: for the one half of the amount done here; haveing wrot to them about it.

If wee have offer'd any thing in our owne vindication concerning M^{r}: Cawleys bussiness that may give you Just reason of offence; wee then humbly entreat your pardon (desireing not to persi[s]tt in Error^{s}: to the disobliging our friend and doe assure you wee shall not say one Sillable more of it till things come to the Test; but give you our humble thanks for pleaseing to write to our R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Master to Suspend their Judgements on what now in dispute betwixt our Selves and M^{r}: Cawley till they shall have yo^{r}: opinions on it; & as for what you are farther pleas'd to hint particularly as to M^{r}: Davis (by w^{ch}: findes you not to bee a little angry) hee will not give one word in reply thereto but patiently waite the event of time; which hopes after soe many unkind frownes may Smile.

What M^{r}: Cawley hath acquainted you as to M^{r}: Davis pulling his buttons of his coate to Satisfie what hee owed him is noe less true then all the rest of his Calumnious aspersions of w^{ch}: not one word more then M^{r}: Davis hath owned to you for you may please to beleive that hee Scornes any such base action but hee sees hee is a man that cares not what rudeness hee taxes him of to bespatter his reputacon :) and all the Gentlemen that were present at table wth: him at Supper can testifie that his order to Bamtam (one of our Souldiers) was to goe to M^{r}: Cawley and demand the amount of what hee owed him; but not to offer the least violence in Seizing on any thing hee had, but if hee would voluntarily make him any Satisfaccon to receive it, upon w^{ch}: M^{r} Cawley sent his Gold buttons by Ba[m]tam to him and required his receipt for them; w^{ch}: hee gave him; and received them; and hath his Sword by him w^{ch}: order'd him to bee disarm'd of for his rudeness and thought not fitt to deliver it him at his departure for fear hee should bee guilty of the Same to them that are Sent wth: him; but if you are pleas'd to order the delivery of what hee hath of his it shall bee immediately done; tho tis not the own third part of what hee is indebted to him; w^{ch}: hee to Keep from him by force is very hard but hee Submitts to your pleasure.

M^{r}: Loe now proceeds towards you; by whom have remitted our Diary and Consultacon (commenceing January [16]85 & concluded in December) Porto Novo Generall Books letter A for anno [16]85 for the Fort & England Cuddalore Generall Bookes Letter C for anñ [16]85 for the ffort; what other papers wee have for England shall soe Soone as examined bee remitted you.

The Proffitt & Loss gain'd by Exchange of money; which M^{r}: Davis says in his answere to M^{r}: Cawleys charge to bee brought to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Credit is a mistake; w^{ch}: you will finde to bee occasioned for the reasons noted in our Diary the 16th: past to w^{ch}: desire you will please to bee referr'd w^{ch}: with our humble respects wee Remaine.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &^{ca}:

Yo^{r}: Most humble and Obedient Servant:

[P.S.] Wee desire you will please to excuse the sending the Bookes unbound haveing noe body that can doe [th]em here.

JOHN DAVIS.
CHR: WILSON.
JOSEPH LOE.

Honord: S^{r}:

No. 18. These are to lett you understand that in my Letter Dated the 7th: of Oc^{t}: I give you an acount of my arrivall here in this place and Since my writing unto you hear is come; to more Ships w^{ch}: had English Commanders before but now they have Dutch Commanders one of them is a Ship of Twenty Gunns and wares the Dutch fflagg the other is a Small Ship and Since they come in the provissions is Raised very much S^{r}: I would desire you to give mee Creditt for moneys to victuall the Ship; for I have asked the Govern^{r}: and hee tell mee that hath noe order to doe it; but If that the Govern^{r}: of Colle should send to him hee would doe leat mee have what mony I have need of for I did not expect to meet wth: Soe

much difficulty as now I find and being victualed by the Nath[ll]: I was not alowed any [*lacuna*] and my long Staying hear will putt mee to a Strait for moneys if you doe not releive mee for they Say that it will bee January before wee shall come from hence soe haveing noe more at present but my humble Service presented to you I Rest.

Your humble Servant to Command

[ffro]m on board the Saphir Rideing at Trinckamala Novemb[r]: 18[th]: 1686.

STEVEN BRADLEY.

Pray send this inclosed to London.

ACHEEN SE[TBER]: 29: 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON[BLE]: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ[R]:
PRESIDENT: &[CA]: COUNCILL IN FFORT S[T]: GEORGE.

May it Please your Honour: &[ca]:

Haveing y[e]: oppertunity of this Conveiance I thought it proper to give you an acco[t]: what hardship and loss the Loyall Adventure has endured & received Since shee left Madrass and in w[t]: Condic̃on y[e]: s[d]: Ship and Cargoe is now in. N°. 19.

Sunday y[e]: 19[th]: instant after two months time the Loyall Adventure Cap[ta]: W[m]: Goodlad (haveing mett extraordinary bad winds and weather and Curr[ts]: so Strong that the Cap[ta]: made 10 degrees Easting more then is laid Down in the Draughts) gott anchor hold under Pollogomes one of the Isles near Acheen w[th]: in the great Channell distant from the Roades about 6 Leagues and in sight of it; w[ch]: wee were glad off thin[kin]g the Cap[ta]: would be able to turn it up takeing the oppertunity of the Tyde and not loose ground but contrary to our expectac̃on: the place proved foul where wee anchor'd the 23[d]: Instant the wind blowing very hard at East & the Curr[t]: Running very Strong the Ship was in great danger rideing w[th]: in half a mile of the shoar w[th]: much adoe the Cap[ta]: gott clear and gain'd half a miles farther in & a pleasant Harbour y[e]: Cap[ta]: thought it clear the shoar being sandy but next day lost the Stream Anchor by w[ch]: hee Road and was fors't to lett goe y[e]: sheet anchor and Down w[th]: yards and Topp mast it being resolved twas best to ride there till the Barge could proceed for Acheen and procure an Anchor out of some of y[e]: Shipps in the Road if possible for twas feared if the Cap[ta]: weighed & y[e]: sheet Cable gave way hee would bee forc'd ashoar I[n] consideration: of w[ch]: & y[e]: want of Provission for the Slaves who are in a Misserable condition ten dead and half of those that are alive poxt and almost Starved; the provission laid in for them haveing been Spent this month and wee should have been forc'd to have thrown them over board had not the Cap[ta]: been extraordinary Kind and Straind very hard to give them a small allowance more to Keep them alive and not endanger the Ships Comp[a]: but for all that they had dyed for want of water had not God Almighty been very propitious in sending us soe much Raine that the Ships Comp[a]: Saved for them at least 10 Tun w[ch]: was there preservac̃on: wee Consulted what was best to bee done y[e]: Cap[ta]: not haveing above 4 days provission for them more; at last I resolved to proceed upon y[e]: barge mySelf haveing been there before and therefore might doe w[th]: the great expedition what I had to doe was to procure an anchor for the Cap[ta]: and provission for y[e]: Slaves who are not worth the Charge that will bee upon them, accordingly haveing gott all things in a readiness I left M[r]: Owen to take care of the R[tt]: Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: Concern's on board and gave y[e]: Cap[ta]: an order to hasten the first oppertunity [invi]ting into the Road after mee and upon his arrivall to give mee notice of it in y[e]: ffactory there dureing w[ch]: time I was resolved to procure as quick a Sale as I could Sunday 26[th]: at 1 morning went into the Barge and at 3 gott into the Road the next evening where I found a Dozen Sail but not one belonging to Madrass when I came to the Rivers mouth I was Stop'd and not Suffer'd to proseed for Some time at last I perswaded on to goe in the boat along w[th]: mee to y[e]: Shabander where when I arrived I acquainted

him that there was a Comp^{a} Ship at an anchor off the Road bound for Acheen from Madrass but the winds would not permitt her to gett in and that I came before to gett provission for her I told him wee had noe goods on board upon ffreight nor Merch^{ts} : all belong'd to the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : and that y^{e} : occasion of our comeing was to Keep touch wth : y^{e} : promises made : and to acquaint them wth : y^{e} : intended Settlement from Bengall : hee was well enough pleas'd wth : that but wonder'd why y^{e} : R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : would trade in Slaves I told him twas out of Charity to Keep them alive soe hee permitted what was in the Boat to come ashoar as Soone as I came into the Factory I found M^{r} : Mohun Dead and all things Run to Ruine only & Small apartment and the Godown built last year Standing and that M^{r} : Richards his assistant had taken all things belonging to the Deceased Gentleman into his Custody and carryed them to Mergee where hee now Resides pretending a Debt due from the Deceased to the King of Syam w^{ch} : hee would Satisfie ; Soe that I beleive the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Debt is paid ; wanting money for present occasion I took up of severall ffererad Lime 50 Tale in the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : name (The 50 Ryalls of 8/8 I had of Cap^{ta} : Goodlad not being Sufficient and the Exchange very Low) wth : w^{ch} : haveing bought Rice to y^{e} : amount of 10 Tale at 5 and 6 Bamboos ℔ Mace for the Slaves present necessity and other Refresments I hired a boate and Sent it off wth : the anchor w^{ch} : I procured for the Cap^{ta} : of a thousand weight and approved off by hiss mate cost 28 Tale ; my intentions are to Stay here in the ffactory in expectacon of the Ships comeing into the Road w^{ch} : I hope shee may gett in a little time after the anchor is fitted when Shee weighs I hope shee'l not loose anchor hold if shee does and the Curr^{t} : Setts very Strong shee'l bee forc'd back w^{ch} : God forbid this ill passage and the loss of the Anchors I beleive has Spoild the Quedah Voyage besides the winds and Curr^{ts} : are exactly in our teeth.

The news wee have here is the Death of Cap^{ta} : Udall Commander of the Herbert and M^{r} : Coats who receiv'd it in assisting y^{e} : King of Syam to quell the Macassers that made an Insurection there.

[A Dane] Ship haveing notice of a very rich Surrat Ship Sailed out of this Road the 20th : instant cuts his own cable for expedition persues her ; intending to take her, whether hee has or noe I Know not but wee heard Guns play that day as wee lay under Pollogomoz but guesed to bee in the Road.

Here has not been any Europe Ship belonging to the English here Since the Josiah & Kempthorne.

I wish your hon^{r} : all health & prosperity and begg leave to Subscribe mySelf.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Yo^{r} Most Humble and Obedient Servant
J. Pitt.

P.S. There shall bee wanting nothing to hasten the Shipps dispatch for I'll dispose of the Cargoe as quick as possible.
J.P.

To the Hon^{BLE} : Will^{M} : Gyfford Esq^{R} :
President & Governour &c^{A} : Councill.

N^{o}. 20. In answere to a late address made yo^{r} : hon^{r} : &c^{a} : from the Hon^{ble} : Constant Phaulkon relateing to Some concernes twixt y^{e} : King of Syam & myself ; I shall for your Hon^{rs} : &c^{a} : satisfaccon & my own vindication give you a faithfull acco^{t} : of that Transaction ; w^{ch} : most of you are not strangers to ; being a publique Contract twixt myself and Partners wth : M^{r} : Thomas Ivatt &c^{a} : y^{e} : King of Syams Servants here anno 1684 sent hither for the Provission of Jewells to a very considerable amount ; about w^{ch} : they had often treated wth ; severall Merch^{ts} : and at last apply'd themselves to mee ; wherein they importunately prest my undertakeings

to the value of at least 100000 Pag^{as}: as appear's by the musters but that amount being too great for their effects or my ability; wee after many dayes advice and consideracõn came to a conclusion on Pag^{as}: 10500: for makeing three Gymdaws; and a Cattan Standle to bee of gold richly sett wth: Diamonds Rubies and Emralds according to the Severall Musters deliver'd mee, in consideracõn whereof they barter'd wth: mee a quantity of Copper Sandall wood & Tutenage at very high prizes much beyond what they could dispose them at, but the agreem^{t}: being mutually made & sign'd by myself M^{r}: Ivatt & the Collwans as some of you cann testifie; I was resolved to comply wth: the Contract; cheifly in hopes of a Reputacõn from the King of Syam; and to engage a future better Service; the loss or Gaine in this being equally uncertaine to mee, whereupon the time being very short for soe intricate and various a bussiness, and cut stones both Scarce and Dear here, I was necessitated to Send to other parts as Vizapoor, Golcondah, Metchlepatam & more adjacent places for their procurey; w^{ch}: from that and the Suddaine occasion I had; brought them extreame Dear to mee as alsoe the workemen from severall distant places; all w^{ch}: when arrived I deliverd M^{r}: Ivatt & the Collwans to direct their makeing agreeable to the Musters w^{ch}: I also order'd the workemen Strictly to observe and to Sett only Such Stones they [appro]ved to bee good and proper for the worke, w^{ch}: accordingly they did to the casting by severall hundr^{ds}: to my loss; the truth of w^{ch}: many can testifie; but more authentickly the very collwans that had the charge; and were the actors thereof (who very happyly are here present) of whom your hon^{r}: may duely enforme yourselves in [each] particular; who cannot well deny anything here incerted nor that upon the delivery of the Jewells to M^{r}: Ivatt and the Collwans that I demanded of them; if they were to their satisfaccõn, if otherwise that everything they disliked should bee rectified; to w^{ch}: they answer'd mee they liked all very well and that y^{e}: Stones rather exceed y^{e}: demention of y^{e}: Musters and soe gave mee their orders for delivery aboard and Receipt for them; and jointly in their Kings name gave mee their obligacõn for the Ballance of my acco^{t}: wth: out the least Scruple or objection and our Contract cancel'd; and further to Satisfie your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: that I have deserved much better from them; I might instance the many Respects and services I have done his Ma^{tie}: of Syam to his Servants here; by a Curteous entertainment of them upon y^{e}: arrivall furnishing them wth: a house Horses Parramkeens Servants &c^{a}: dureing M^{r}: Ivatts Life, wth: out any Consideracõn and constantly supplying their occasions wth: considerable Sums of money to the amount of Pag^{as}: 4000 Solely upon the hon^{r}: of their Just and Generous King and the Credit of the Hon^{ble}: Constant Phaulkon Letter of Recommendacõn w^{ch}: I thought a Sufficient authority and never Imagined could bee Scrupelled by any much less themselves but I finde my Self mistaken; and Still out of my money and rather unkind; then gratefull resentments of the favours; upon a pretence of a hard bargain w^{ch}: is only made soe by a very undue valluacõn; either by Ignorance interest or the vast difference of our Merch^{ts}: w^{ch}: I hope by noe Reason whatsoever can Justly reflect on my bussiness; Since I may more Rightly Say and prove that they have not estimated them to one Seventh of their worth here; but if there really were any thing in this prejudiced surmise what relates is to the owners of the Annapourna or others; if Justice is designed; why is not that long contracted Debt Satisfied; and if any defect is in any contract, it is determinated by Justice to w^{ch}: I readyly submitt but for the other there can bee noe shadow of dispute; the owners desireing noe more then the accustomary ffreight for soe many Elephants as lived three dayes after their arrivall ashoar excuseing the ffreight of 10000 Pag^{as}: of goods and many Passengers from Tenassery w^{ch}: is as justly due to them; as the 8 ℔ Cent Charged on M^{r}: ffreemans goods on the King of Syams Ship from Tenassary however to oblige the King and his hon^{r}: it was agreed to Remitt that; ass alsoe in hopes of readier Complyance wth: the rest; but this is not soe much my Concerne; therefore Referr it to bee further argued by the owners; and for my owne case; though I Know noe Law can make mee accountable for soe plaine a contract it being n[a]turall and just for all men to make the best bargaine they can and is the Essencetiall part of Merchandizeing

nor can I think had I losst more by the goods Then I did; or taken them or the Elephants at double the vallue that any reputacõn could have been demanded or made mee but rather laught ass[*sic*], for the misfortune notwithstanding to evince the world that I have neither been injurious nor too unreasonable a gainer in the bussiness and to avoyd further disputes or the prejudiceing others [provided] the Hon^{ble}: ffaulkons Attourney will give security to Stand to and Satisfie the award. (You shall give upon a due Examinacõn of the case) I shall now humbly submitt thereto heartily wishing I had never engaged therein being the occasion of soe much trouble to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}:

Hono^{ble}: [S^{r}: &c^{a}:]
Your Most ffaithfull Servant
ELIHU YALE.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE THE 19TH: MAY 1686.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE MAY 19TH: 1686.

I the Subscriber doe hereby declare that goeing to the house of M^{r}: Thomas Ivatt where were present the King of Syam Collwans and the Worp^{ll}: Elihu Yale I did there heare them earnestly Sollicit y^{e}: S^{d}: Worp^{ll}: Elihu Yale to undertake y^{e}: makeing of Some Jewells for the King of Syam the Muster of w^{ch}: they produced and through much entreaty ꝑswaded him to contract for the vallue of Pag^{as}: 10500 according to Muster then delivered him, and that y^{e}: said Worp^{ll}: Elihu Yale Thomas Ivatt and the Collwans signed the said Contract; w^{ch}: was in my Custody till it was finished and then it was demanded off mee by M^{r}: Thomas Ivatt to whome it was deliver'd and in my Sight Cancelled and they were soe well satisfied of their Contract that they would have him Engage for a farr greater vallue but hee reply'd he had undertook enough already and would not have done it; had it not been to serve soe noble and generous a Prince as the King of Syam and they had soe great a care to See the Contract fully performed that in my Sight they objected against Severall Stones and had them taken out and others putt in their Room to their Satisfaccõn; to the truth of all w^{ch}: I will give my oath when thereunto Lawfully required.

JOHN NICKS.

JURAT CORAM MEE.
WILLIAM GYFFORD.

Vera Copia Attest Rogat.
JOHN COVENTRY.
CLIC CUR.

I the Subscriber doe hereby testifie that I was present at the Signing Sealing and delivering of two obligacõn by M^{r}: Thomas Ivatt his Ma^{tie}: the King of Syams Factor Ressident in this place as allso by his Collwans then likewise here one whereof was to the Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}: President & [Govern^{r}:] of this Citty &c^{a}: Owners of Ship Annapurna for the Sum of two Thousand two hundred Pag^{as}: tis for ffreight of fourteen of his said Ma^{tie}: of Syams Elephants from Tennasseree the other was to M^{r}: Elihu Yale Merch^{t}: of this place for the Sum of three thousand Eight hundred twenty and Eight Pag^{as}: w^{ch}: hee the said Thomas Ivatt acknowledged to have received for his said Ma^{tie}: the King of Syam his use and I doe further Testifie that [at] that time I heard [noe] obligacõn whatsoever made by either the said Thomas Ivatt or any of his Ma^{ties}: Colwans against or to any acco^{t}: bargaine or Contract had formerly been betwixt all the

parties above mentioned and this declard to bee truth to the best of my Knowledge and therefore voluntarily make oath thereof In Fort S^{t}: George the 21st: of May 1686.

JOHN GRAY.

JURAT CORAM MEE.
WILLIAM GYFFORD.

Vera Copia Attest Rogat
JOHN COVENTRY
CLIC CUR.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 10TH: JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: OF
FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

In May last I gave yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: my answere to a complaint from the Hon^{ble}: Constant Phaulkon; about some Jewells provided for the King of Syam w^{ch}: paper tho hee has received and neither does nor can contradict any particular therein, yet by his late generall Ψ Ship Dragon; hee Seem's Still dissatisfied and to persist in his most unreasonable demands of my receiveing back the Jewells for my own acco^{t}: when solely provided for the Kings; and made after musters peculiar and only serviceable to themselves upon a fair contract Known to and Since proved before you, made wth: three of the King of Syams Servants; Sent hither and impowred for that purpose; and not confined to the President &c^{a}: but had the authority and liberty of dealing wth: whom they pleas'd as well Jew as Gentill as appeared by M^{r} Ivatts Commiss[i]on who was a Merch^{t}: of near 10 years Standing in the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Service; and consequently of sufficient Experience for Such an affair, the other two the Kings Native Subjects; one of w^{ch}: an antient Jeweller and Gold Smith of Syam; the other a knowing Mandereen; upon y^{e} long and importunate Sollicitac̃on of these three for my undertakeing to the amount of 100000 Pag^{as}: of Jewells (but that being to much for my time and Stock), after a moths debate and consideraco̅n mySelf and Partners engaged for the makeing three Jemdar handles and Casses and one Cattan handle; to bee Richly Sett wth: Diamonds and Rubies &c^{a}: in Barter for Copper tin and Sandall-wood to the Amount of Pag^{as}: 10500 w^{ch}: contract was owned and acknowledged before the President and most of the Councill; before anything was done therein and after the Gold Stones &c^{a}: Materialls and workmen were deliver'd in charge of the Syam Jeweller &c^{a}: to direct them according to the musters agreed upon; and to take only Such Stones as they thought good; and fitting for that Service wherein they refused many hun[dre]ds to our great disapointment however that there might bee noe dislike or complaint wee Still continued them that Liberty to their finishing when upon Delivery of them to M^{r}: Ivatt and the Collwans before Severall of the Councill in y^{e}: Consultac̃on Roome (the President then in y^{e}: Bay) I then demanded of them if they disliked any Stone or worke therein; and it should bee altered and changed; but they unanimously declar'd their Satisfac̃on; and that the demention of the Stones; and curiocity of work exceeded their painted musters; and soe cancelled our Contract; and gave my receipt for the Jewells; and their Joint obligac̃on: for the Ballance of their acco^{t}: wth: out y^{e}: least exception; as Some of you can testifie; but I have wrott soe fully of this affair in my former paper; I shall referr thereto; and shall only reply to Some Errors & reflections the Hon^{ble}: Phaulkon has been pleas'd to lett fly at mee Viz^{t}: No. 21.

And first for his imperious Summoning us to his Tribunall to debate upon the Injuries and Robberies done upon o^{r}: Inhabitants by his Commission; and at y^{e}: Same time by an unparalel'd injustice Seizes upon the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and Severall English Estates there; upon a pretence of a dispute in acco^{t}: wth: mee w^{ch}: were there any reason or truth in; could by noe law whatsoever authorize

Such actions: that unconcerned ℔son Should Suffer for others; but Sic Vallet &c^{a}: his will is his Law; tho I think that & his late Injuries and notorious affronts to our nation can bee construed to nothing but the denounceing a warr.

And yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: may judge of the unreasonableness of their Demands on mee; by this true State of Acco^{t}: betwixt us viz^{t}: of the 10500 Pag^{as}: due to mee for the Jewells I never received more then Pag^{as}: 6345: fa. 33 : ca. 2 and the King of Syam owes mee at this present by his Servants Obligacc̃ns: most of w^{ch}: ready money [lent] them Pag^{as}: 7157: 0: 0 the Jewells also in their possession whereby it appears they owe mee more then ever I received from them; notwth: Standing w^{ch}: hee has embargoed or Seized belonging to the English near 50000 Pag^{as}: a most unsufferable and monstrous injustice w^{ch}: I hope and Doubt not; o^{r}; most Gratious Sovereigne and R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Masters will not only permitt but assist us in its recovery; wth:out w^{ch}: there is noe remedy against soe Lawless a person; tho hee falcely taxes mee wth: threatning to give mySelf letters of Reprizall and makeing warr against them; for the Recovery of my Right an idle peece of nonce that none over heard; or can think or beleive mee guilty of that understands the nature of such Letters and their originall; as also that hee should here that I discoursed disrespectfully of the King of Syam; w^{ch}: I never was the least guilty off; always beleiveing him a just and good Prince; and that [they] and other Injuries are not his but the fault of his Ministers; and my many Services and Respects to his Servants to my considerable charge has been duely recounted to and thankfully resented and acknowledged by that King and was lately the Hon^{ble}: Phaulkons opinion to; therefore this Error must bee the unhappy conceipt of his own brain or base forgery of Some rascally [Incendiary]. Nextly he charges mee that I took the advantage of makeing this Contract for the Jewells in the time of my cheifeship: w^{ch}: is a falacy Known to most of you; my agreement being in May, and the President went not to Bengall till the 8th: of August following, and if I had been inclined as hee is I might have practiced those little Syam Polliticks his wisdome proposes; of acting under Covert of other mens names, but my actions wants noe such disguises; and the publick management of that Contract argues its fairness; and if Justice was as duely executed at his Barr of Judgment as this; wee might have been free from the numerous complaints of almost all nations; but all are alike quarries to him but What hee means by Merch^{t}: and Broaker and 30 ℔ Cent I Know not (nor hee himself I doubt) never being y^{e}: Kings or his Broaker or traded wth: him for 6^{ls}: Singly and for our joint trade hence to Syam; hee soe engrossed the trade; that many of the Inhabitants were punished for dealing wth: us; and our people abused for it; and at last forced to his unreasonable prises both in buying and selling; soe that wee could Scarcely ever See our principalls, and severall of his goods Still lyeing by us that will not hear reach half their cost hee forc'd them at whereby hee has gott much more then 30 ℔Cent wth: much less dispute and noise.

The next Subject in the Hon^{ble}: Phaulkons Letter is a revalluac̃on of the Said Jewells by a ffrench Gentleman of that place before M^{r}: Robert Harbin Cheife &c^{a}: and by y^{e}: acco^{t}: given mee of that affaire the Monseiurs Judgment (if hee had any) was certainly either terrified or formed to his hon^{rs}: pleasure as appears by the List and his expeditious Survey of at least 1500 Stones; Sett very Deep in fine Gold all w^{ch}: was dispatch'd in about two howers time (w^{ch}: would require near as much to count them rightly) but being calculated to their likeing, the Gentleman is highly applauded; and noe Doubt gratified for his Judgment; and M^{r}: Harbin called to attest the thing (as I am credibly informed thence) who being conscious of their error Signed wth: this exception that hee did not rightly understand the valluac̃on and weight soe Sett; upon w^{ch}: the Hon^{ble}: Phaulkon in a mighty Rage threw by y^{e}: instrument in soe great displeasure to M^{r}: Harbin that hee Dash'd out of his acco^{t}: the Sum of Rupees 9200: lent the King of Syams Servants at Carwar; for fitting his Ships for Persia and thus you see the equitable Managery and Government of the King of Syams Cheife Ministers State (God help the Kingdom) but to returne to the

ffrench Gentleman & his valluacõn; w^ch^: is extreamly Strange that any man should adventure to Swear y^e^: exact weight of a Stone Sett; especially soe deep as they are; when I can Safely swear that hee is mistaken on most near half their weight, and in some more for instance one Diamond that weighed rough near 5 mang^as^ that's about 23 graines w^ch^: could not loose above ⅛: in cutting w^ch^: hee makes to bee but 6 Graines vallued at [about ... Pago^d^: w^ch^: cost at the mines about 100: another of the same] Shape and goodness hee makes 5½ graines and vallues that [but at] 20 Pag^as^: soe that a grain w^th^: him advances Double its vallue; w^ch^: lett any man that ever heard of Diamonds Judge the reason of; the Same w^th^: the Rubies to rateing that cost 30 Pag^as^: at 12 L[iv^rs^]: and others of 200 vest of Gance in Pegue that is about 20 Pag^as^: at 6 Livers, but the Monsieurs has[te] must excuse his Error, and omission of the Gold and workmanship w^ch^: is of noe vallue w^th^: him: tho it cost mee near 800 Pag^as^: and whereas hee unjustly charges mee w^th^: provideing y^e^: persons that made their valluacõn, yo^r^: hon^r^, &c^a^: Knows it was done by Segn^r^: Rodrigues and Porto at their house w^th^: most of y^e^: ablelest [*sic*] Jewellers in town by your order & appointment and after a Considerable time & Consideracõn they Estimated them at Seaven thousand and odd Pag^as^: and whereas the Hon^ble^; Phaulkon would Lessen my Service and Loss upon y^e^: goods I Barter'd for w^th^: M^r^: Ivatt &c^a^: Instanceing that I bought the Copper at Pag^as^: 56 ℔ Candy whereas M^r^: Lucas [alowd] the Shabander 62 Pag^as^: tis well Known that M^r^: Lucas at that time and long before was att Maddapollam, but what hee alow'd for Copper and upon what Score hee best Knows; but this Most Know: that the prices of those parts and of this is often m^ch^: different; their Candy being 20 ^lb^: more then ours and their marketts Generally higher from the nearness of Golcondah; but that its vallue here was not more than 54 to 55 p^a^: ℔ Candy; our Choutry bookes will evidence, but there is no notice taken of the Tutenage and Sandallwood at 37 P^a^: Candy by w^ch^: I was a great Looser, and much off it Still Remains unsold; and will not reach ⅔ of its cost; besides his hon^r^: is under a mistake in the price of y^e^: Copper one P^a^: ℔ Candy; as by mine & M^r^ Ivatts acco^t^: twas at P^a^: 57 ℔ Candy; all w^ch^: Considered, will nearly Ballance his complaint on to ther Side; but whether proffitt or Loss twas a fair Contract; and in justice ought on both sides to bee complyed w^th^: and Mauger all his threats here; and to prejudice mee in England as much as detraction can; I neither fear nor vallue him on that Score; not doubting of Justice any where but at Syam; and since hee has been pleasd to bee publickly troublesome in this affair; I Request for my Justificacõn & the Satisfaccõn of my R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Masters that this and all former papers relateing thereto may accompany his for England and that you will please impartially to examine and Judge the case whereby you will greatly Oblige.

Honourable &c^a^:
Your Most Obedient Servant
ELIHU YALE.

PETTIPOLLE Y^E^: 28^TH^: DECEMBER 1686.

TO THE HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCILL
ATT FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Yours of the 24^th^: Instant came to our Reception the 25^th^: w^th^: the Duplicates of the Cheifs Instrucõns & the Generall to William Shales the Originall of w^ch^: the Cheife brought w^th^: him from the Fort; till that misfortune befell him of being robb'd of them & the Pag^as^: 500 for the use of this ffactory; for w^ch^: you are pleas'd to impute the same to bee a neglect of the Cheifs not better looking after it, to w^ch^: asper[sion] will be taken off more care could not have been used then was for when came to Pollicatt; all the Peons and the Cooleys were muster'd; then gave the Cheife Peon Strict charge of the Pallankeen &c^a^: though the money No. 22.

was not actually deliver'd into his hands yett his care ought to have been neretheless [*sic*] haveing received Such orders for hee is to take care of all as twas his Duty; its true there was a box fix't in the Pallank[een] w^th^: a Lock; but noe Key; and had there been one, shcould not have made use of the loose Scriptore therefore humbly apprehend that to bee noe fault; as to giveing orders [for a strickt] watch about the Pallankeen it was always done at every hege for fear of some abuse there being Severall Passengers on the way not Knowing who they were upon the Loss [enquiry] was immediately made and the people Examined; the Cheife Cooley was severely punish'd but could gett nothing out of him and after done what could, there was a letter [wrott] the Govern^r^: of the place, to acquaint him therew^th^: and to desire him to come; [and make a] dilligent Search for the Same who came the next day and was discoursed of it; [and wee] could gett noe Satisfaccon from him; hee was told it was contrary to the Kings [Phirmaund], that any of y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Servants should be Rob'd in the Kings [Dominion] that if hee did not find it out; that the Comp^a^: would certainly have satisfaccon: from y^e^: Government; after this proceeded to Pettipollee as was order'd.

Wee are glad that you will take care therein for it is a great [abuse] and can never bee putt up therefore hope in time there will bee Satisfaccon made from the Government; for this great affront; wee are very sorry to hear that wee can't have a [Supply] from you and if M^r^: ffreeman or M^r^: Wales doe not furnish us according to your [order] Know not what to doe; and the Small Investment here fear will Lye Still.

There are noe hopes of any assistance from Bobba; hee being in [a worse] Condition then ourSelves nott haveing where w^th^: all to maintaine his family (as hee [says]) always desireing us to help him the Merch^ts^: likewise plead great poverty these hard times as to the troubles the Government has given our Merch^ts^: this year W^m^: Shales advised thereof to Golcondah before the Cheifes arrivall; Since w^ch^ have received the Sirkells Rocca to Sancropah the Govern^r^: of these parts that hee should upon the Receipt reimburse the money taken Clandestinly from the Merch^ts^: w^th^: a severe Check for molesting the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: affaires hee well Knowing twas contrary to the Kings Phyrmaund to obstruct our Investment upon receipt of said rocca the Cheife wrote to Sancropah that the Merch^ts^: might have Justice done them; but before it Reach'd him hee dyed therefore wrott to his brother Verona, who at present Succeeds him in the Government and by whom y^e^: abuse was given wee are dayly expecting his answere not despaireing of recovering the Cheifs Loss at Yantapoll adviseing him that satisfaccon: for the same is required therefore upon failure waite your orders to give us leave to detaine one or two of this town Bramenys in the Factory; which may bee done w^th^: little difficultie and save our Hon^ble^: Imployers the Piscashing this aviricious Governour; they being the people has been the sole occasion of detarding the Investment.

Wee have wrote to Maddapollam to Supply us w^th^: boat's there being none at Metchlepat^m^: to Transport what goods shall bee in readiness here.

Wee must now acquaint you our opinion as to the Contract w^th^: the Merch^ts^: fearing it will nott bee compleated by one third part to goe home by this Shipping though wee have used our utmost endeavours to oblige them to a Complyance; they alledging the reason of their failure at this time; is occasion'd by the great famine here; and their weavers dayly dyeing whome they have losst considerably in advanceing money to them for a due complyance of their Contract; wee shall take in what goods they bring in that shall come up to muster according to agreement made w^th^: them; and those that dos come in fear will not bee dispatch-[ed] hence till the middle of ffebruary in the meantime shall dayly press them to a Speedier dispatch.

Wee are heartily Sorry y^e^: famine continues w^th^: you still it is not to bee express [ed] how severe it is here; those people liveing being obliged to paun all their Jewells for maintenance of themselves & family now haveing nothing to trust to dayly dye for want of Sustinance; as for our own parts if the neighbouring ffactorys or yourSelves doe not assist us; in all probabillity wee are like to

undergoe great hardship; haveing noe more then 20 dayes Provissions in the ffactory.

According to leave given shall continue the fouer Englishmen till the Investment bee over and then Returne them to the ffort wth: goods.

The Merch^{ts}: Sometime Since received of [the] William in Europe goods to the amo^{t}: of Pag^{as}: 4000: but are not Satisfied in the prices mentioned in your Generall dated the 6th: September last they alleiging that the Allum charged at 27 Pag^{as}: ℔ Candy to bee but 17 and Copper at 62 pag^{os}: but 60 therefore entreat a Remittance of their true prices to avoid future dispatches as alsoe to send us a supply of ffactors Provissions the last year Sent being near expended w^{ch}: wth: tenders of most Obedient Services respectfully conclude.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Most Obedient & humble Servants
JOHN LITTLETON.
WILL^{M}: SHALES.

CONIMEER THE 11TH: JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONOURABLE W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCILL
IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have received yours of the 30th: ult^{o}: and 6th: instant to both w^{ch}: shall now respectfully reply. No. 23.

The Letter to Cap^{ta}: Batten wee deliver'd him and the Peons that brought it arrived here the time you mention but before your order came wee had returned them to the Fort soe could not give them the Rupee you mention.

Reports at present are soe various and uncertain that wee cannot fix the Stamp of truth hardly upon anything wee hear; when wee have an acco^{t}: farther from our Peon wee have Sent up into the Mogulls Army from whom most probably wee may receive the most certaine advices; wee shall then advice thereof.

Before the arrivall of yours of the 9th: instant Cap^{ta}: Batten the winds proving more favourable; Sett Sail for the Fort; two dayes afterward off at sea wee saw two Saile; a Ship and a Sloop w^{ch}: by the Tenour of your Letter; wee Suppose to bee the Rebecca, and the Sloop wth: the Soldiers wheither they are gone wee Know nott; but when wee or that Cap^{ta}: Batten returnes hither againe wee shall either send him your Letter directed to him or deliver it wth: our own hands; and then if wee finde the troubles in the Countrey like to continue or increase; shall according to your permission take the 30 Souldiers ashoare.

Wee have been discourseing our Merch^{ts}: upon a new Investm^{t}: to bee finished by the end of September; to help out and Supply the great tonnage that will be upon you then; they gave us for answere as wee had ever found them; soe they would upon all occasion for the future; according to their abilitys approve themselves true and faithfull Servants to y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}:; and to Justifie what they said; they told us they would contract wth: us to that time for Pag^{as}: 80000: of w^{ch}: pag^{as}: 30000 they would take off in Europe Goods; Saying they unders[t]ood there was soe much lying dead at Codalour; undispos'd of; for w^{ch}: goods they would bring in cloath in truck by y^{e}: end of next June; and then when the Ships come; if you Sent them the other Pago^{d}; 50000: they would bring it in by the end of next Sep^{ber}: if you Sent noe money wee must not expect any more goods; then y^{e}: amount of the prementioned Europe goods; if you Sent the pag^{as}: 50000: or more; in three months time; wee should have

goods for itt; this is certaine by this proposition of theirs wee are Secure of putting off the 30000 Pag^{as}: in Europe Goods; tho the ships doe not bring out money Sufficient; if they doe you may increase to what amount you please; but these prementioned offers of theirs are upon this Consideracõn; that our Debts bee first paid and all acco^{ts}: made even between us before the Contract; for then they Say that money will help something to begin anew againe.

Our Merch^{ts}: are Still at us againe about the old bussiness of the Corrall, and possitively tell us the Merch^{ts}: pay for noe more at Coodalour; then what the nett weight of the Corrall is, M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: not chargeing them wth: it as Invoiced; if tis soe our Merch^{ts}: expect and begg the same favour here; in as much as the Termes and circumstances of the bargaine are one and the same at both places; this wee once more offer to your ffavour and Consideracõn:, for they Say if tis not allowed at Coodalour; they will not expect it here; but for them to have more favour there it troubles them very much as looking upon themselves as much deserveing your favour and Kindness in all ℔ticul^{rs}: as the Cudalour Merch^{ts}: w^{ch}: being the needfull at present wee respectfully Subscribe our-Selves.

Honourable S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

P.S. Our Merch^{ts}: haveing heard there is some Copper come to the ffort desire the[y] may have 100 Candy of it, in part of the Europe goods they are to receive upon our Present Investm^{t}:

J: W:

CUDDALORE JANUARY Y^{E}: 12TH: 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

To THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}; GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}:
COUNCILL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

No. 24. Our last to you was by Sloope Thomas who dispatched towards you the 10th: Cur^{t}: haveing Laden on board her 124 Bales being as much as Shee was able to take in (as ℔ Bill of ladeing there inclosed. This therefore Serves for covert of her Invoices, for the amount of w^{ch}: desire you will please to Creditt our acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: and to acquaint you (as done in our last) that wee shall have remaining by us about 160 or 180 bales and 70 baggs of Indicoe w^{ch}: shall lade according to your order.

As for what offer'd in our owne vindication in matters depending wth: M^{r}: Cawley, at w^{ch}: you have been pleas'd to Signifie your displeasure as not done in respect to your authority; wee humbly intreat you to beleive was never soe intended; for wee shall ever acknowledge it as becomes us; and obliged in duty to doe, therefore hope you will please to consider that as the welfare of men Cheifly depends on their reputacõn: it were enough (if possible) to oblige both the deafe & number [*sic*] to bear testimony to the truth; but wee shall say noe more on this; but humbly referr it to you and patiently Waite the'll event; tho you cannot but bee Sensible how great a trouble tis to us.

Wee have not yett concluded wth: the Porto Novo Merch^{ts}: they declining their comeing (although wrott to about it) expecting wee should come and treat wth: them, w^{ch}: indeed it noe wayes hon^{ble}: that wee should court them to a trade;

but considering the circumstances wee are under (w^{ch}: will not admitt of our doing as we would but as wee can) Rather then to decline our R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Mast^{rs}: Interest, if they will not conceed to come to us; wee will goe to them haveing a probabillity of being Sucessfull in what hope may meet wth: your Kind approbacon; for as wee finde tis your whole designe to promote our R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Masters Interest; Soe wee think every one (that hath any dependance on them) obliged in duty to give you their best assistance; for to have a great tonnage & little Stock not sufficient to comply there wth: as ought to bee can never quit the Charge & bee any advantage wth: out a considerable Creditt abroad w^{ch}: wee shall not bee wanting to drive to the greatest height; w^{ch}: wth: our humble respects is the needfull from.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: Most humble & Obedient Servants
JOHN DAVIS.
CHR: WILSON.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM PERSIA TOMBE MERCAWN TO THE HONO^{BLE}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE DATED FROM RAMANADAPERUM THE 4TH: JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Hon^{ble}:

I enjoy hea[l]th am glad to here the like of your hon^{r}: I Received your hon^{rs}: Letter in a good hour; and joyfull at the Contents thereof w^{ch}: were that Concerning pepper; if brought to Madrass you would give 15 Pag^{as}: a Candy or by yo^{r}: owne people if bought by them here you would give 12 wth: further promise of a Settlement; My Intentions are not to buy pepper at any to sell it again to yo^{r}: hon^{r}: at a dearer Rate thereby to benefitt mySelf, but shall owne mySelf Sufficiently obliged if I may obtaine your hon^{rs}: ffavour and protection; the place of my Residence is call'd Padia Shekera Nallour; where once a week is held a considerable markett & Merch^{ts}: bring thither 150 or 200 ox loads of Pepper each Load (5 fañ more or less) are to bee bought for 150 great fannans 20 loads amo^{t}: to 30 Chickeras w^{ch}: is Pag^{as}: 16: the Charges of two ox Loads from this markett to Devipatnam or Killakerry being Sea Ports will amount 1$\frac{1}{3}$ Candy of the Comp^{a}: soe that the Comp^{as}: Candy to bring to the seaports will cost 15 Pag^{as}: the Truth of all these things as to quantity and weight your hon^{r}: may bee satisfied of when you send any of your owne People concerning w^{ch}: pepper; as it hath been my former desire; soe I now renew the Request that y^{e}: own half may bee your hon^{rs}: and the other half mine; your hon^{rs}: half you may please to load on yo^{r}: owne Shipps; & my half I will Loade on my owne Shipps or if your hon^{r}: bee not here wth: satisfied, I have 3 or 4 shipps on w^{ch}: your honour may load your half for the Bay at the usuall ffreight; the Pepper may be bought by the Ox Load or Candy as you please my Sole Intention being to obtaine your hon^{rs}: ffriendship and not to gett any thing thereby, neither are the Merch^{ts}: great gainers for the place where it grows call'd Molliallum to bring to this Market doth not differ above a pag^{a}: or half a pag^{a}: In a Candy, many Merch^{ts}: of Madrass probably trade wth: your hon^{r}: for advantage but what I doe is onely to obtaine your hon^{rs}: ffriendship; here are at present some troubles in these parts (of w^{ch}: your hon^{r}: may here more at Large from my Brother) which when once over I designd to gett Pepper for my owne Shipps; which wth: hearty wishes of yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: health conclude wth: a Complem^{t}. No. 25.

The Paddy you wrott mee about is dearer here then at Madrass; for the want of Raine and by reason of the present troubles; soe that I have been forc'd to Send my 30: or 40 boats to Collin &c^{a}: places to fet[c]h Paddy from thence, have two Ships in the Bay to bring Rice from thence and have ordered them to deliver you att Madrass what you shall have occation of for yo^{r}: ffamily.

TRINCUMBAR JANUARY THE 10TH: 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA: COUNCILL
ATT FORT ST: GEORGE.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

No. 26 Yours I Received by the Ketch Mary Mr: Bullock Master being an order & Commission to Persue the King of Syams two ships wch: as Soon as I received I immediatly bore up; (being gott almost as high as Sadraspatam) & when I came to Pully Cherry there were gone two days before; and Stood off to Sea & yesterday morning were there & can hear no news of them & Intend to ply up againe as fast as I can wch: Is all at present from:

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: Most humble Servant.
THOMAS BATTEN.

HONBLE: WORPLL: &CA: COUNCILL.

No. 26. When his Excellency the Generall of Surrat assigned mee over to this Honble Presidency I could nott imagine otherwise but that hee would Sett a boundary to his passion and distaste little thinking that hee would dissemble a Grudge; albeitt I have heard him declare that hee had that art; and Temper, but Since it soe happens that mountaines of honr has not exalted his soul one Inch higher in the orbe of Generossity but moves and actuates him in the low Sphear of envy by proceeding against mee as a fellen or Traytor; for my Justifiecacon and Defence I make bold to offer to yor honr &ca unprejudiced determinacons my reall Sorrow for soe much as you shall think mee guilty of and humbly request your pardon for it wth a true and favourable representacon to my Rtt Honble Masters of what more or less I shall appear Innocent of the Charge against mee.

In the Surrat papers your Honrs: &ca: ffavoured mee wth perusall I find the Generalls maine accusations branch into two heads, to witt, a disrespectfully write [letter] from Syam; and Capta: Preston his incongruos Reports of mee. ℔ no. as to the first the old maxim in Philosophy (quicquid recipitur recipitur ad modum recipartis) is made good, not that I will wholly endeavour to vindicate all that was writt in that Letter nor can I (wth: out eminent Injustice to mySelf) clear the Generall of Causes to agravate mee thereto; I must confess the great disparity in our persons claimes a greater Respect then was given him; but if a little Ant has so much Choller as to turne to the foot that disturbs it; mee thinks a Secrett Repartee to one that has made it his publick practice to Trample on mee and indefatigably Seek my ruine may bee somewhat excuseable; wch should I particularize to your honr: yee might probably look on it as the Effect of Spleen and passion Since the Genll: has made noe particular observacons what Parragraphs of the Letter are worst Resented I Suppose hee has remitted them to the Rtt: Honble: Compa: wth: aboundance of additionall aspersions wch: I doe not much doubt of clearing wth: a personall Defence to his own expected shame.

2ly: Capta: Prestwick a person of Such an Ignorant and malignant temper and master of such rash and beastly Principles that hee deserves pitty rather then envy, and I could heartily wish his accons: & behaviour had been more moderate; that wee might have had the Less necessity of impeaching him; but Since our bull beggers were ever caressed by the Genll: I hope; and doe not doubt but hee will rather meet wth: encouragement then any detriment especially haveing a conscience as plyable (to Say and Swear anything) as ready as ye: generalls Dove like innocency can dictate, the maine Scope of his designe is to clear himself of misdemeanors by Chargeing mee wth: extravagancy and this wrapt up wth: Such cleane Rhetorick as turds and fartsthat one would think a generall should be ashamed to besmear his Judgment wth either and I am apt to believe hee would not where were it not for the Sake of polliticck Revenge in bringing in the Rtt: Honble: Compa: and my Honble: Patron Sr: Josiah Child to bee concern'd, this pernicious trick has been soe often practiced here of late by naughty men at Surrat that it the less Surpriseth mee of now for who would beleive I am guilty of the former when I have all along ruin'd my particular affaires

by Sticking to their Interest as farr as I durst in opposition to the Generalls counter practices and now att last have shown my obedience [in] comeing from Syam upon the first Summons to the loss of a Considerable Estate, and this not out of dread of being forced; but a free Choice; and how it can enter into any unprejudiced pate that I could bee disrespectfull to S^{r}. Josiah I cannot immagin for God's my wittness I never Spoke of him but wth: veneracõn: and I have often bee[n] suspected as his informer but never his defyer but hee is a Gentleman of that honour as never to embrace the former, and it would bee such a peece of Ingratitude (that for my R^{tt}: hand) I would not bee guilty of the latter; nor was my educacõn soe mean and nasty as to defy the Gen^{ll}: in such durty Expressions I thank God no body can tax mee wth: the breach of good manners and how I should plunge mySelf at once into the forfiture of all I know not I must confess I have often Said the Gen^{ll}: was a Mallicious man and that hee has declar'd of himself in my hearing therefore the less crime I very much estrange at Cap^{ta}: Prestwich his fiction about the bowle of punch off of Cape Comerin in takeing the Generalls part soe much I have often heard him Curse him but never defend his cause and why hee should doe at punch time is most to bee admired Since a large bowle will make him Curse his ffather but poor man I attribute his Mistakes to the frailty of his nature as well in this as his Extravagances at Acheen Cap^{ta}: Anthony ffen was a wittness to all that past there betwixt us therefore humbly Request your hon^{r} &c^{a} to receive his Report for your better Satisfaccõn that truth may appear in her true shape; if the Generall intends him for his Champion or affidavitt man (as hee is pleas'd to offer his Service) hee must Supply him wth: a good Stock of Liquor otherwise hee is a good peaceable munchance that will neither ffight nor Speak Sence; if beating of Drums, and draming all night to drunkeness bee his Sivill deportment whilst at Syam then certainly what hee Reckons to bee an alarme must bee of an high Straine; if hee had not been guilty of any other act this would be Sufficient to Scare away any ffreight goods of any vallue I Remember one offer'd 25 in 30 Candy of Dammer for 12 ℔ Cent w^{ch}: is a poore Rate considering Dammer always used to pay half; and this is the great bussiness hee loads on us by way of neglect occation'd by our Grandeur what goods return'd on Dead ffreight no man would give us acco^{t} neither could wee divine what Returnes would goe but wee gave the Cap^{ta}: orders to Receive them and receive their dispatches to whom they were Consign'd pressing them dayly to it; soe that wee are blamed by the Generall for not dispatching the Ship sooner; and yett blamed for not Staying her Longer to take all in w^{ch}: to a reasonable man would seem a paradox; my discretion in Merchandize may bee very well carped att; but my Councill Knows best whether or no I extorted their Signing to the dispatch the Cap^{ta}: would not receive it up at the Citty; and the Ship Rideing upwards of one hundred miles wth: the Cap^{ta}: his delays may ver[il]y make Some difference in our intended date but what need I argue any more in this case; when hee himself has soe often; and publickly declar'd that hee vallued not our orders but would act by his owne power; the money lent by M^{r}: Gyfford; and M^{r}: Yale in complyance to the Generalls order; and I admire hee should bee offended at the Cap^{ta}: his Declaracõn on this; and nott bee concern'd at the Circumstance in receiveing it himself for acco^{t}: of onions in partnership betwixt them to bee disposed of at Acheen; how I should know this wth: out his publicacõn: the Generall can best Judge and that the Cap^{ta}: did declare the other wee may be beleived I cannot judge otherwise but that the Cap^{tas}: plausible harrangue at parting wth: mee at Syam must bee the effect of some ffrothy Liquor drank at his arrivall at Surrat or at least Some Crocus infusion; for hee was then soe drunk that I am confident could not remember hardly a word the next morning, and past the capacity of writeing any thing that [n]ight; indeed hee offered his ffriendship provided wee would not impeach him (being conscious of his Crimes) but when I Sattisfied him that I could not in duty lett Such enormity's pass wthout some moderate hints hee flew out into his usuall passion by Swearing that hee would informed the Comp^{a}: that I used to bee drunk; Kept whores; and had many Bastard and Such like Storys w^{ch}: made mee reply that in case all was true the Comp^{a}: was not injured unless by reason of them I neglected their interest and that hee mought if hee pleas'd publish to them the

certain truth of every thing as much as hee Knew wch: if hee did no more could do me little Injury being guilty of neither of them; wch: was all the discourse materiall besides wranglings; and impertinent ffopperys Coppy of our answere to the Generalls unkind letter ℔ Capta: Lake wth: his verball order to bring mee away in Irons I here offer to yor honour &ca perusall if there bee anything in it that may Seem undecent or Rash please to impute it to the unexpected Severity put upon mee as if I had been guilty of the greatest Crime in nature, I have Capta: Lake his own Certificate that hee was soe order'd; and that hee did intend to act I have Severall Testimonys therefore whatever is write in the answere I takewholly upon mySelf desireing noe blame bee laid on the Gentlemen that Signed wth: mee.

I Observe the Generali in his to yor: honr: &c. of the 20th: of May last requires the inJustice shown mee in calling mee away from Carwar I earnestly requested both but could not procure either however to save him the trouble of prosecuting any further in order thereto I desire of your honr: &ca: the gratious favour of a Sereen dispatch, and your love, and favour towards mee as I have and shall studdy to merritt by wearing the title off.

Hon^ble: Sr: and Srs:
Your Most Obliged faithfull
and humble Servant
ROBERT HARBIN.

Madras the 16th: January 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

HUGLY 15th DECEMBER 1686.

TO THE HONBLE: WM: GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST: GEORGE AND CITTY OF MADRASS &ca COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RTT:
HONBLE: COMPANY ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL &ca.

Honoured Sr: &ca:

No. 27. Our last to yor: honr: &ca: was on the 22d: ulto: ℔ the Concord; if wch: should bee miscarried (wch: God forbid) wee Recommend you to our coppy book of Letters Sent that goes for England via Fort St: George this year, In said Generall wee gave yor: honr: &ca: a full and large acco: of all Transactions in particular at, and to that time, Since which there is fallen out little memorable, Save that now wee are all in readyness to goe on board, haveing Shipped off all the Rtt: Honble: Compas: Estate wth: our own both here; and as they informe uss at Ballasore; and in three days more expect to leave this place.

Further wee are to advice you that wee had severall Conferences wth: ye: Governr: of this place about an accommodacon, as your honr: &ca: will particularly finde in our large Diaries of that time to which wee Referr; In the wch: they Seem mightily to comply by their frequent & urging messages to us dayly, upon the Severall Phirwannaes Sent from the Nabob, and Just now its Credibly reported that Boremull is on his way wth: Mr: Watts from Dacca, wth: a Phirwanna and Seerpaw from the Nabob, and full power to accommodate differences the effects of wch: wee shall afterwards advise yor: honr: &ca: the Governour here have proposed unto us as wee may Suppose according to their Instru[c]cons, from aloft that all our Demands in Generall shall bee referred to arbitracon of our owne chooseing, that wee shall have a Phirwanna from the Nabob to trade Custome free according to our antient Phirmaunds; till that wee procure a new and Substantiall Phirmaund from the King according to the Tenor of our own Dictates, which they would [transm]itt for us; and bee all assisting in the obtaining of it, the wch: Seems unto us pretty reasonable, could the Same bee done wth: Security tho wee have a great deal of reason to beleive that severalls of our Demands might bee satisfied as the 14000 Rupees extorted at Cassimbuzar the 44000 at Dacca the 12000 at Hugly; the building of Maulda Factory the assisting of us to gett in our Debts and thu[s] hel[p] In obtaining a Phirmaund all wch: are materiall, especially the latter where in the Rtt: Honble: Compa: would Save at the Mint and other Factories near 80000 Rupees yearly, at the rate of 3½ ℔ Cent; as to the

Rest of our demands they are to bee found no where; and can bee charged to no acco^{t}: expect the Nabob pay them himself w^{ch}: to bee sure hee will never doe; soe cannot bee Granted.

Another great misfortune is the Limitts the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: seems to prescribe us (if wee rightly apprehend their Instruccons) tho in the Same there appeareth contradiction w^{ch}: to us Seem irreconsileable; w^{ch}: makes us much wave what Course to take, they themselves declare that the end of all this is a peacefull trade, and to bee sure those ways; and methods that are Easiest quickest, and Surest, are the best for obtaining the same, if not contrary to orders.

In the 3^{d}: Paragraph of their Generall Instruccons their hon^{rs}: admitt of a Conference to bee held wth: the Nabob, and his Muttsuddies about conditions of a peacefull trade; w^{ch}: they againe reiterate in the 15th: Paragraph, but then towards the latter end they fervently urge for reasons therein menconed that they would not have us by reason of the Success of any treaty to deferr one moment the seizeing of Chittegam upon the arrivall of Cap^{ta}: Nicholson from Fort S^{t}: George; the w^{ch}: tho by reason of o^{r} many misfortunes, and particular that of Cap^{ta} Nicholsons Ship, who is now upon the Careen in Hugly River as alsoe the want of shipping to carry off the R$^{tt.}$ Hon$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{as.}$ Estate and o^{r} Selves, wee have not yet been in a Condition to goe about it tho when wee doe, its very much questionable if y^{e} Same will not insence the Emperor so, as that wee shall never have a footing in Bengal to traide againe and the growing expence of makeing and maintaining a ffort if not Small, if it had been left to us, wee should have taken those methods wee thought safest God direct for the best the Event Crowns the action.

By the Concord wee Sent yo^{r} hon^{r} &c^{a} 200 Maund of wheat, which your hon^{r} &c^{a} will find mentioned in y^{e} Georges Invoices herewth: wee send you y^{e}: Josiahs Invoice wth: Bill of Ladeing of Such goods as wee could send up from hence, wee need give noe other reason then that of our troubles, for not investing this year, wee are much troubled to understand the great weight of Shipping that Lyes upon yo^{r} hon^{r} &c^{a} and have alsoe considering the remitting yo^{r} hon^{r} &c^{a} Treasure, to Invest on y^{e} Coast, but Reflecting on y^{e} Smallness of our Stock, and the great and dayly charge of the warr which will soon Exhauste the Same we think it nott advisable, nor for our R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Masters Interest, to part wth: the sinews of the warr wee designe as for Gold wee have none; wee have ordered them at Ballasore to load on board said Ship 3000 baggs of Petree, wth: lead and other goods for the ffort; as ℔ their particular Invoice to w^{ch} wee Referr.

Wee had orderd said Ship to call on all the Northern Factories for goods in her way up, had shee come sooner from Careening, or that wee had more time, but considering that the George &c^{a}: Sloops are at Madapollam, wee hope they may Supply that Defect, and as for Vizagapatam our thoughts are to Send the King of Syams ship Loaden wth Rice thither & to the Fort.

By this Conveyance comes M^{r} Thomas Lee of the Councill design'd for England who by noe means could bee perswaded to Stay here, as also M^{r} James Harding who was dismissed the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Service by us on the 27th: of August last, yett wee Referr him to yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: haveing paid him for his late Service at Cassimbuzar Rupees 200; there comes also M^{r} Cudworth accôrding to yo^{r} hon^{rs} &c^{a} orders & M^{r} Farmer M^{r} Phillips, M^{r} Jordan Writers, who were all Likewise desireous to leave this place, soe that now wee are very destitute of writers, therefore desire yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: by the first Conveiancy to Spare us some one Ingenious young man, that writes a fair hand wee shall stand in need of noe more till wee come to bee settled againe.

In a Generall Lately from Madapollam wee received yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: of the 30th of August, and 12th: October by w^{ch}: wee were Sorry to understand that the George and y^{e}: other Sloops had lost their passage hither, w^{ch}; has occasion'd great Expence of ffreight, for Sending the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}; Comp^{as}: Salt Petre &c^{a}: goods up to the Fort, haveing hired the Queda Merch^{t}: the Triblecain and the George for that end by yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: wee are Concern'd to understand of y^{e}: great famine you have at the Fort, w^{ch}: has induced us to lay out allways for the buying up of Provisions as well for our own future Spending, as the sending yo^{r}: [hon^{r}] &c^{a} a Considerable

Quantity, tho Rice and all manner of Grain is Scarce here this year; by reason wee have had noe Raine; nor breaking up of a munsoon; as wee could perseive; besides the present differences wee have w^th^: the Countrey doth much impede us.

Wee take notice what yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: write Concerning the Demorage of Shipping w^th^: us, and shall imbrace all occasions to ease o^r^ R^tt^: Hon ^ble^: Masters thereof.

The Condition of our affaires here have nott as yet admitted of an Embassy to the King of Aracan, but shall observe what you intimate thereunto.

M^r^: Thomas Davis some time since Seased and sent on board the Rochester urgeing to goe home for England wee have Remitted him to yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: to dispose of him as you See convenient but w^th^: all must acquaint yo^r^: hon^r^: &c^a^: how pernicious and destructive hee has been to the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Com^as^: affaires in the Bay, for these two last years; by discovering our Secretts hee aiding and assisting them upon all occasions w^th^: his advice to Ruine our Concernes soe that hee could further his own designe his aiding and abetting Haggerston in all his villanies against equity and Justice; his serveing warrants against the Agent &c^a^: at the Cozzees and these countrey Courts; contrary to the priviledges of the English here by reason of w^ch^: and other his dealings and practices w^th^: our Merch^ts^: the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: has Suffered Exceedingly by him.

Wee are at present under a Cessation of arms w^th^: the Government w^ch^: continued ever Since the first commencement thereof; and all acts of hostility are forbore on both sides; only that wee Stop all their Shipping belonging to them; till further from us, our Demands wee intend to make and insist upon (w^ch^: are already partly well Known unto them) amount to Rupees 6645000 the particulars of w^ch^: are underwritten.

If the Warr continues; wee shall have great need of men to man Prize vessells w^th^ our own Shipping being unwilling to Impoverish our land forces; or drain our shipps for that end; therefore desire your hon^r^: &c^a^: by the very first conveiance to Transmitt us 200 Lascars; for by the Experience of the late Skirmish wee must expect all the Lascars of this Countrey to desert us.

There being Severall Remaines of Merch^ts^: goods in the ffactory since last year wee thought convenient to Seize the Same for the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: use, and accordingly have shipped Some on board the Josiah, and the Rest on the Quedah Merch^t^: w^ch^: are tumbled and Sullied; and done up w^th^: out Sorting besides in the Invoice wee have guessed at their prices in which wee have rather under then overvalued them.

The Dutch have laid hold on this occasion to accommodate their differences; in being againe possest of all their fformer R^ts^: and priviledges; have Piscashed the Nabob w^th^: 20000 Rupees and are enlargeing their Factory by additionall buildings, which may indifferently Serve for a fortifiecacon, as occasion shall offer.

Our Demands on the Countrey are as followeth Viz^t^.

	Rupees.
For what Bulchund forced from M^r^: Vincent at Cassumbuzar	14000
For what Sief Cawn plundered out of our Factory at Pattana by a Thousand foot and five hundred horse; and putting M^r^: Meverill in Irons. ...	80000
For Detaining the R^tt^: Worp^ll^: Agent w^th^: the Silk at Cassumbuzar	400000
For Protecting Haggerston from Justice ...	45000
For what forced out of Dacca Factory acco^t^ of Picars	44000
For what forced from our Merch^ts^: at Hugly ...	12000
For Demolishing and plundering Maulda ffactory ...	150000
For Demorage of Shipping these three last years ...	2000000
For Debts Remaining & oweing us in this Countrey :	800000
For what extorted from us in Presents &c^a^ ...	200000
For beseigeing of Hugly Factory the Death of the Agent & 4 men	300000

	Rupees.
For burning the old ffactory and the goods in it in the late Skirmish	300000
For the Charge of 10000 men and 20 Ships for the warr	2000000
	6345000
For the Charges of our ffactorys and buildings if wee leave the Countrey	130000
Rupees	6475000

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} : Yo^{r} : humble Servants

SAMUELL GRIFFITH.
EDWARD OXBOROUGH.
JOB : CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Hon^{ble} &c^{a} :
Not else but Rest.

[Upon] the writeing hereof M^{r} : Watts is [received] wth : Boremull from Dacca. Yo^{r} : Serv^{t} : J. M.

BALLASORE DECEMBER 28th 1686.

TO THE HONO^{BLE} : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{RS} : FOR AFFAIRES OF
THE RIGHT HON^{BLE} : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}
ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL BENGALL &C^{A} COUNCELL.

May it Please yo^{r} : honour &c^{a} :

Wee have by order of y^{e}: R^{tt} : Worp^{ll} : Job Charnock Esq^{r} : Agent &c^{a} Councell laden on the Josiah severall goods as ℔ her bill of Lading & Invoice w^{ch} : goes inclosed; wee could not conclude y^{se} Invoice by reason the weight of the Lead was not take[n] No. 28.

The Neclaos herba Stuffs and Sooseys wee bought in truck for cloth Lead & Brimstone one p^{s} : wth: another and not sorted as accustomary w^{ch} : wee humbly presume your hon^{r} : &c^{a} : will pardon considering y^{e} : troubles wee lye under; by the dayly expectacon of a Sudden remove from off the shoar, and that wth : out wee had taken them thus wee could have had none.

Cap^{ta} : Owen has delivered us a paper coppy of w^{ch} : wee send to your hon^{r} : &c^{a} : the originall being Sent to the Agent & Councill at Hugly; wee crave leave to Remaine.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} : Councell
Your Most Humble Servants
RICH^{D} : TRENCHFEILD.
HENRY STANLEY.

Wee would have Sent 6 butts arrack but the cap^{ta} could not take them in.

Nathaniell Owen Commander of the good Ship Josiah now Rideing att Anchor in Ballasore Road intending by Gods permission to proceed for England wth : his said Ship the 20th January next unless hee shall bee Sooner dispatched In persuance of the Charter party for ffreightment of the said Ship made between the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : the Govern^{r} : & comp^{a}: of Merchants of London tradeing into the East Indies of the one part & John Cook & Justus Otgher of London Merchants one the other part doth now hereby desire and Demand the Ladeing for the said ship to bee done and accomplished by the said Govern^{r} : & Comp^{a} : their ffactors and assignes or Some of them as by the said Charter party is directed & agreed. Dated this one & Twentieth day of Decemb^{r} : añn 1686. No. 29.

To the R^tt^ : Worp^ll^ : the Agent & Councell for the affaires of the said Governour & Comp^a^ : in Bengall ; and to all others their ffactors and assignes to whom these presents doth or may Concerne.
Delivered in Ballasore the date above written To M^r^ : Rich^d^ : Trenchfeild Cheif in the presence of us.

JOHN BROMWELL.
THOMAS MARCH.

VERA COPIA
HENRY STANLEY.
RICH^D^ : FARMER.

TRINCUMBAR JANUARY y^e^ : 15^th^ : 168⅚.

To THE HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^ :
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^ : &C^A^ COUNCELL
ATT FORT S^T^ : GEORGE.

Hon^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^ :

No. 30. The Bearers hereof Bartholomeus Geschonberg and Peter Pietersøn Merch^ts^ (one will bee two days after the other) haveing occasion to bring down their vessells to this place, I would begg the favour of yo^r^ hon^r^ &c^a^ to favour them w^th^ yo^r^ hon^rs^ : &c^a^ : orders to all English ships that they meet w^th^ in their passage heither ; that they might not bee hindred or molested ; Itt being Mynheir the Commissarys desire I should write to yo^r^ hon^r^ &c^a^ would bee Kind to any Danish Shipps that may come to Madrass & want your hon^rs^ &c^a^ assistance ; I haveing recd aboundance of Kindness & Civillitie from Mynheire the Commissary here, I shall bee moveing towards your hon^r^ : &c^a^ : as Soon as the winds will give mee leave w^ch^ is all the needfull at Present that I have to trouble your hon^r^ &c^a^ : as w^th^ : all from.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Your Most Humble Servant
THOMAS BATTEN.

I have Cap^ta^ : Earnings
4 men on board mee.

METCHLEPATAM 28^TH^ XBER 1686.

To THE HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ :
PRESIDENT & GOVENOUR &C^A^ : COUNCELL.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

No. 31. Wee have two of yours to answere but Robert Freemans indisposition at present will not allow thereof ; this is cheifly occasioned by the troublesome Importunity of the Dutch Seconds Lady Concerning her money lent M^r^ Tillotson, who will hardly bee answer'd w^th^ : reason ; or Creditt any thing that wee say, but now makes her applicaõn to yo^r^ : hon^r^ : &c^a^ : the Contents of w^ch^ : wee Know not but desires one from us to accompany it recommending the bussiness as it is w^ch^ : you are not acquainted w^th^ : therefore desire that y^e^ : Produce of y^e^ : Rice may bee paid to her order to prevent further trouble to.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Yo^r^ Most Humble & Obedient Serv^ts^
RICH^D^ : FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY [HARRIS.]

MUY HONORAVEL, E S^R^ GOVERNADOR,

No. 32. Faço procuradora de saber a sua boa saude e de sua Honaravel dysposicâoe que sendo assim sera p^a^ my de grande alivio, e cantentam^to^, queira o altissimo s^r^ com a vista desta ache Logrando em pomp^a^ de M^tos^ bem o qual Vs^a^ o deseia p^a^ servir a Deos, e a my merces Que ao fazer desta dando gracas ao Criador de saude fico oferecida nas cousas do seu serviço naquillo que prestar nao deixarei de obrar cõ

todas pontualidades de bens, na ausencia de meu marido que separtio pª Goloconda hia cinco, ou seis mezes que mandei huma carta em companhia meu servidor, por palavra que deo o mestre Friman a meu marido, que o dito mestre Friman chegando em Madrastapᵐ que mandaçe hũ procurador meu que.....contos que nos deixou o Exrivão do barco o qual Vsª teve la noticia a conta de 550 pagodas que tamou pª madar arros nesta terra 84 candis, e meio, por cada condil tem 20 tumbos por preço de, 6, pagades, e meio a candil, desta contia no tempo que meu servidor estava lâ dicerãs que levace o dimkeirs o que ves da venda de arros no Madrastapᵐ como meu servidor não teve ordens pª se tomar sem ser cantia justo; e no tempo que o mestre Friman chegon na barra no mesmo dia partio meu marids pª Golcondo não teve tempo pª procurar sobre este negocio, depois dali poucos dias mandey saber do mestre Friman o que ha feito do men dinhrº o dito mestre Friman me respondeo en como ficou nopoder de Vsª 250 pagodes que Veo da Venda de arros, e medice que traga ordens que elle dará satisfaçaõ de 250 pagodes, e tao bem peço a Vsª que me faca merce escrever a mestre Friman sobre essa contia, e o que fica de resto Vsª me faca este favor, e merce que eupossa achar a demasia 300 pagodes que se fica do resto dos 550-pagodes, e nisso me para grande favor e merce, e nás escrevo mais largo porque o meu servidor tem ja manifestado, a Vsª e no mais o ceos gᵉ por annos mil do ses desejo em Fortaleza de Madrastapᵐ exa de mossulapᵐ em 11 de Janr 1687 annos.

Indigna Obrigada de Vsª.

MARIA VANDEBOGAERDE.

No. 83.

Honoured Sʳ.

These are to lett you understand that yᵉ 26ᵗʰ of Aprill at night wee haveing bad weather wee lost yᵉ: Nathaniell wᶜʰ: was their wilfullness for as Soon as Capᵗᵃ: Mason dyed they did intend to leave mee, for Capᵗᵃ: Mason did tell mee that hee would not leave mee; but would not Spare mee any thing that I wanted neither could I leave him at Sᵗ Jago for I had not all my provissions wᶜʰ: was Six months but a little before hee dyed and after I Spake to Mʳ March about water and hee would not Spare me any; the next day after wee lost him and Seeing our Maine & foretrusle trees both broak soe I was forc't to Lower my Maine Topp mast upon Deck and made a Shift to lash our fore topmasts soe that I could carry the foretopsail in an ordinary gale of wind and finding my Self in a bad condition I called my officers, and they were for bearing up for the Island Ascention wᶜʰ being not laid down in its right Lattitude I mist it and soe run to de Godos Santos; where I arrived the 15ᵗʰ of May the weather being bad Rainy weather, and the 5ᵗʰ: June I came from thence, the 18ᵗʰ: July I mett wᵗʰ: Capᵗᵃ: Perriman in the Pearl I Kept him Compª: two day's; and in a Storme of wind I Lost him in yᵉ: night hee Saying hee would goe for Sᵗ: Lawrence and the 15ᵗʰ: September wee Saw the Island Ceylon; Since the 19ᵗʰ: till yᵉ: time wee came into this place wᶜʰ: yᵉ: 2ᵈ of October, wee did not gett 20 Leagues to yᵉ norward for Some times when I thought that wee had gon thirty miles to yᵉ norward I have droven ten miles to the Southward and when I came into this place I had but one day meet noe Rice and but very Little bread, and Some of men noe bread at all Since my comeing here the Governʳ has been very Civill to lett mee have anything and here is a small vessell of theirs wᶜʰ was to the Nºward of this place wᶜʰ could not gett yᵉ: maine and doe intend to Stay the Monsoons here wᶜʰ: is my thought Soe to doe; Sʳ: I doe desire you to tell Mʳ: Styleman that his Sisters and Daughters are all in good health and they desire to bee remembred to him; and thanks bee to God all my Company is well the Governʳ tells mee that I can hear from Madrass in thirty three dayes; if your honʳ; would bee pleas'd to lett mee hear from you I shall think [myself] happy Soe haveing noe more at present but humble Service presented unto you I Rest.

Your Humble Servant to Command

STEVEN BRADLY.

From aboard the Saphir Riding
in Trincamalay Bay Octobʳ 7ᵗʰ 1686.

VIZAGAPATAM JANUARY 10th 1686.

TO THE HONBLE : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR :
PRESIDNT &cA : CONUCIL

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

No. 34. Wee have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of y^e 3^d & 30^th November last and ask your pardon for our Silence w^ch : proceeded not from any neglect or disrespect but from the uncertainties of affaires and great distance wee are at therefore were willing to Render a Certaine acco^t that might have yo^r possitive orders therein ; but Since have concluded the matter to the best of our Judgment to the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : greatest advantage hope you will please to hold us excused the Coppies of the Severall Cowles have lately received come inclosed and tho wee have hitherto been great loosers by the Town w^ch : was taken before our arrivall here for Rupees 4500 ℔ anñ yett have yearly improved it ; and advanced the Rent.

The first year before our arrivall was raised no more then Rupees 2787 : 11 : Ca and w^th : all charges was lost upon it noe less then Pag^as : 1258: 21: 2Ca : the next year when under our charge clear of all Charges made of it Rupees 3045: 25 : Ca: and the last year raised it to Rupees 3419 and are certaine this year to raise the full rent besides the advantages in building the Factorys &c^a (for w^ch have your possitive orders that our workmen might not lye att wages for nothing) will bee considerable in mittigating the Charge thereof.

Wee now dispatch Sloop Gingerlee w^th i what goods they can take in amounting to (besides the Thomas Cargo) Pag^as : 4488 : 17 : 1 as ℔ Invoice & bill of Ladeing inclosed, and the remainder of our Bale goods shall lade upon y^e : Josiah or any other of the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : Ships that may Import here in time otherwise upon Some Countrey vessells as are pleas'd to order ; our Saltpetree Gunpowder & Lead have putt on board the Gingerlee shee Requireing Such a weighty Cargo & they not being vendable here nor any other goods this Scarce Season the famine reaching to these parts likewise ; but in better times never could prevaile w^th : any Merch^ts : hereto take off Europe goods tho offered at Invoice price wherein our best endeavours have been constantly imployed therefore tis not our fault but unhappy ness to make up our acco^ts : w^th : Charges and noe Proffitt & likewise o^r great care has been that our Charges bee Small and our goods in their Kind good and exactly agreable to muster to make part amends. Paddy and Rice are difficult to bee procured and none to bee had here abouts yett have prevailed for a quantity to the Merch^ts : Northward w^ch : hope may bee up in time that may bee a seasonable releife M^r John Brown Searjant was left hereby M^r : Scott Master of the Sloop Madapollam and not haveing any oppertunity to proceed to the Bay now Returnes upon Sloop Gingerlee, hee was Sent ashoar here by the Master for water who immediatly Sayled away & left behind w^ch being what wee have at ℔sent to communicate wee respectfully Subscribe.

Hon^ble S^r &c^a
Your Obedient & very humble Servant
RICH^D BROWNE.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

COPPY OF THE SEER LASCARS GENERALL ORDER FOR PASSING THE RIGHT HON^BLE COMP^AS AFFAIRES AT VIZAGAPATAM.

No. 35. Bee it Knowne to all Generalls Govern^rs : petty Govern^rs : ffarmers or other officers whatsoever that all goods belonging to the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^a : as Copper Tin Tutenague &c^a Mettalls & all other goods as Callicoes Butter & Oyle Corne of all Sorts according to the Contents of the Phirmaunds are free from all manner of Custome both of Sea and Land in the following towns Viz^t. Pentecotta Wattarra Poondy Marka Viziapatam Bimlipatã Conadã Collapily Collingapatam Poondy Barwa Sunnaparum Anganjam and I doe hereby give my Especiall order to all persons inhabitants of the afores^d Townes to lett all goods afores^d, bee Imported or exported & have free passage as formerly.

October 5th : 1686.

TRANSLATE OF A COWLE FOR THE TOWNE OF VIZAGAPATAM GRANTED TO M^R: RICHARD BROWNE CHEIFE FOR AFFAIRES OF Y^E: R^TT: HON^BLE: COMP^A:

The afores^d: Cowle was given for Severall town's under Vizagapatam for the Space of five year's the Town's names Viz^t: Vizagapatam Porwarda Waterra Woodapoinde Malkaporrom Onyarrada all Ships comeing from Pegue Atcheen Tenassery &c^a: plac[e]s Joorbaud &c^a: these & land Custome to bee paid to the Divan and what proffit and advantages shall arrise from the towne of Vizagapatam &c^a: w^th: in the limitted five year to bee for the acco^t of the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^a: for w^ch they are to pay henceforth from the date hereof 4500^rs: ℔ anñ to bee p^d: in 3 payments and in Consideracõn of your Obligacõn to us for performance of the pr[o]mises wee have granted this Cowle; the afores^d: 4500 Rupees to bee paid at Siccacole takeing receipts for the same and in soe doing wee shall not trouble w^th: any of our offices; this Cowle thus granted for 5 years afores^d: if att any time you shall bee disatisfied w^th: in the Space of s^d: 5 years you are at yo^r: Liberty to deliver back againe. No. 36.

October 5^th 1686.

COPPY OF A COWLE FOR NARSINGAPATAM.

This Cowle received from Mochumdedeow for the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^a: and deliverd to M^r: Rich^d: Brown Cheife at Vizagapatam.

I understand by Paramoory Gegenata Niague yo^r: bussiness and according to yo^r: Request that noe Custome should bee demanded on yo^r: goods and likewise to Require our assitance your S^d: Request is granted, and you may land your goods at Narsingapatam & on your desire wee shall bee assistant to all yo^r: Ships of w^ch: you need not bee doubtfull, and on any peice of ground you please you may build yo^r: house and bring yo^r: goods therein Custome ffree & y^e: bussiness of yo^r: Selves and Servants shall goe on w^th: out any molestacõn or hindrance & in case of Stormes w^ch: yo^r: Ships may meet w^th: in this place wee will give all Imaginable assistance; as alsoe in all other things Concerning w^ch: you may Sett your heart at Rest. No. 37.

COPPY OF A PASPORT GRANTED TO THE R^TT: HON^BLE: COMP^AS: CHIEFE AT VIZAGAPAT^M:

Bee it Known to all our Governe^rs: & other Officers from Pentacotta that all manner of Metalls & Cloth Corne Butter & Oyle &c^a: That shall come to M^r: Richard Brown the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^as: Cheife at Vizagapatam according to y^e: Phirmaund formerly granted by his Ma^tie: the King of Golcondah are to pass w^th: out any Molestacõn or Stopp Custome ffree w^th: out any pretence whatsoever; w^ch: is my Especiall order & Comand to you all. No. 37.

Octob^r: 5^th: 1686.

FORT S^T: GEORGE THE 21^ST JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Gentlemen

If to bee unfortunate bee a Crime I must confess myself a great Criminall; but on any other Score I have as clear a vindicacõn as any man can require. That I was ingaged in the interest of that trade w^ch: was distinct from that of the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^as: was my mischance and I think not a fault for If I shall bee allowed that Candor that my Case Challenges there will appear reason to distinguish mee from aggressors who have acted in opposition to the Interest yee manage; for when I engaged to myself to Cap^ta: Allyes imployers to assist him according to my capacity the way appeared open & it was decided in a tryall at Law that other of his Ma^ties: Subjects beside the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^a: might Import the Commoditys of India paying the Kings duties which gave incouragement to Severall to Send fforth Ships on the Adventure and soe consequently made mee think it reasonable to Seek my bread that way as well as other persons. No. 38.

And therefore not as an opposer for I could not pretend to bee soe considerable I did engage mySelf w^th: those Gentlemen from noe other motive but the Gen^ll: designe of being enabled after the toyle of Service to live a little better then by sitting Still could bee hoped for, but it is like to prove much otherwise and my

goeing w^th^: Cap^ta^: Allye into the Bay has proved very fatall for the Govern^rs^: haveing Stopt the money deliver'd the merch^ts^: till Ally could give Securitie that that trade Should bee continued and that a ffactory should bee built for that purpose and though twas my misfortune to bee perswaded to become hostage for performance yett what happened after wherein I appeared an opposer was not of Choice but absolute necessity procured by the Improper methods of those who managed the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Affaires in Bengall and n[ot by] any inclinacõn in mee to become publick.

For My Expedicõn to Dacca was w^th^: the greatest reluctance imaginable and done as much against my will as can bee expressed for I was by the foresaid procurement forced out of my house by the Soldiers & horsmen of the Govern^rs^: who left mee not till they had Seen mee well on the way, and when I was dragged out of my house twas noe time to Sneak but to make the best of a bad market, what happened there yee are noe Straingers to; and Since I have been under continuall troubles w^ch^: I was obliged to w^th^: Stand as well as I could though I would have freed mySelf long Since if I could to have allayed all disputes and Since 't has been his Ma^ties^: Royall will and pleasure by proclamacõn to declare himself Soe expressly, in behalf of the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: I have ever Since even from the moment I heard of it (Though never had any notice from those who Seemed concerned to lett mee Know it) disposed myself for a complyance w^th^: his Ma^ties^: Royall Commands w^ch^: I can prove in this place for I was early taught that Obedience was better then Sacrifice and if I shall be soe happy to bee beleived I shall not fear the becomeing a Sacrifice mySelf all that I have to add Gentlemen is that I am an Englishman of Loyall Principles and if I have Erred it has been Ignorantly and shall bee ready to acknowledge my Error when fairly shown mee and as I am an Englishman I desire to returne to my owne Countrey according to his Ma^ties^: Royall Proclamacõn where if I have done anything against y^e^: King or the Law I shall bee obliged to answere it; for I know not wherein I have meritted a prison in this Countrey w^ch^: I intreat to bee released off and will give yee all the Security I am able to returne to England upon any of yo^r^: Ships you give mee leave to goe on; and will pay the Commander for my passage and am ready to doe what other reasonable thing shall bee required for I have no other designes then te referr my [Self solely] to the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^; for I am not insencible how basely Alley has dealt by mee and perchance were I in England I might become some wayes Serviceable to the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^; I shall not presume to trouble yee any further at this time but hope such a favourable complyance as will very much Oblige.

Gentlemen
Your very Humble Servant
THOMAS DAVIES.

TO THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT & GOVEN^R^ &C^A^ COUNCELL
IN FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

HON^BLE^: S^R^: &C^A^:

No. 39. Haveing none of yo^rs^: to answere this serves to advice you that haveing received encouragement from Porto Novo that the Merch^ts^: would accept our proposalls if wee would come & treat w^th^ them about it; w^ch^: thought dishonourable; expecting they should have showne that respect as to have come & done it w^th^: us but rather then to loose an advantage on puntillioes the 14^th^: Curr^t^: (after dinner) proceeded thither the 15^th^; discoursed our bussiness w^th^: them (as before done by Letter) and y^e^: 16^th^: d^o^: concluded w^th^: them for an Investment of Pag^as^: 80000: on the Conditions of this place (formerly adviced) and haveing Signed & Sealed Obligacõns to each other return'd w^ch^: w^th^: our humble respects remaine.

Hon^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^
Your Most humble & Obedient Servants
JOHN DAVIS.
CHR: WILSON.

Herewth: remitt you copies of Letters (Sent & received) of correspondence between these Factorys for anñ $8\frac{4}{5}$: & $8\frac{5}{6}$ for England being not registered wth: you.

J. D.
C. W.

PETTIPOLLEE THE 15th: JANUARY $168\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &ca: COUNCELL

ATT FORT ST: GEORGE.

HONBLE SR &cA

Wee wrott you the 28th past at Large concerning the affaires of this ffactory wch humbly desire to bee referred to; Since have received a Generall from you bearing date 30th past wth ffactors provissions wth: accot: of what formerly Sent and now amounting to Pagas: 3: 23: 2: for wch shall Creditt accot: Curt: ffort St: George. No. 40.

Affaires here are as they were when wrott you as above the [Merchts] as yett not haveing brought in any cloth for Sorting but as formerly adviced dayly promiseing to use these Endeavours to doe what they can these sad times; Still alleadging the Almightyes hand and famine wch: has brought the Countrey into Such a Condition as the like has not been Known; how things will prove God Knows but fear shall not bee able to gett in the goods to goe home this Shipping tho have used our utmost perswations to them Concerning it, wee are heartily Sorry it falls out thus but cannot tell how to remeddy it; they have been often told, that they would certainly pay their forfiture for noncomplyance wth: their Contract; the answere [gott from] them; they could not help it and must bee contented; this wth: our Obedient Service till yor; further pleasure to us; wee respectfully Remaine.

HONBLE: SR: &cA:
Your Most Obedient & humble Servants

JOHN LITTLETON.
WM SHALES.

CUDDALORE JANUARY THE 10TH: $168\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:

PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: &ca: COUNCILL IN FORT ST: GEORGE.

Honble Sr: &ca:

Wee have received yors: of the 4th: Curt: & When Sloop Mary shall arrive shall immediately dispatch her towards you but beleive it may bee Some time first; the Rebecca & the sayling by this roade the 7th: Curt: in ye: afternoone to the Southward wee Suppose a Pyratt hunting & hope they may meet wth: their expected gaine or else Stand cleare the Rtt: Honble: Compas: Sloops and private Shipps not able to resist them. No. 41.

Wee now dispatch towards you Sloop Thomas on whome have laden Bales 124 (as ℔ inclosed bill of Ladeing) wch: is as much as shee was able to take in the Invoice for wch: shall forward you by land conveyance wch: Suppose may bee the Speediest; wee shall alsoe Send you an accot: of the Sloops Charges; that you may please to Creditt our accot: Curtt: for itt.

The Bales wee shall have remaining by us will bee about 160 or 180; besides 70 baggs of Indigoe wch: wth: our humble respects is the needfull from

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your Most humble & Obedient Servts:

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TRINCUMBAR JANUARY THE 19th: 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: &CA: COUNCILL
ATT FORT ST: GEORGE.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

No. 42. The reasons of my nott being no nearer you by this time is double the first is that ye: winds are soe Strong att N. Et: & the Streem likewise that wee have noe oppertunity of weighing the land winds not blowing half an hower the other is my want of provissions being at a great expence wth: soe many men & not provided according as Such a voyage does require: When wee come from Conimeer, and the Commissary hath promised mee all the assistance hee can in getting Some I haveing not above 12 days provission on board the 4 men of Capta: Earnings are on board mee: and when yor: honrs: Letter come to the Commissary to Send them up hee would take them on shoar again; I doe hear that there is more of the King of Syams Ships to come upon this Coast in 12 or 14 dayes time; & hope I shall meet them; them two before were bound for Surrat and I Suppose are gone theither; but are not Cropley nor Leistlie as yor: honr: &ca: Supposes for these 4 men of Capta: Earnings were on board them and they would not entertain them this wth: my humble Service to yor: honr: &ca: is the needfull from.

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your Most humble Servant
THOMAS BATTEN.

ILUSTRE SR: WILLIAM GIFFORD.

No. 43. Rendo a Vsa: as dividas gracas, pellas mostras que me da na sua de querer igre a darce a resao com que fico certo não hoverâ falta) pellas demonstracoes que ha de que nao se deve esperar menos dagenerosidade de Vsa a que me sinto m̃ obrigado, estimara haver lugar pa aclarar a mesma Vontade que em Vsa. mora.

Os coatro Ingreses q̄ portarão no batel tenho ia entregue ao Capm. do Rabeca por nome Thomas Bating q̄ câ enta, e o batel taõ bem farei entregua depoisde conçertado

Os portadores desta são dous sujuietos Dinamarcas q̄ra Vaõ pa. passar a Europa por via de barcos da Honrada Compa: Ingleza deste porto de Madrasta, por sua pagua conveniente. Peço a of Vsa seja servido darlhe toda ajuda e favor paque possaõ conseguir a viagem que pretendē pa Inglaterra, tomando a pagua que se custuma deque ficarei nessa obrigado pa obrar for Vsa O que for do seu servico sempre em sen desejo e &a Dafortaleza Dansborg 19de yanro de 1687 @.

Dc Vsa.

Certo amigo e servidor
HENDRICH VAN KALNEIJN.

CUDDALORE THE 22ND JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: &CA: COUNCELL IN FORT Sr GEORGE.

Honble Sr &ca.

No. 44. Wee have received yors: of ye: 17th: Currtt: and as Soon as Sloop Mary arrives wth: us shall take care immediately to dispatch her towards you & send you an accot: of what Bales remaine.

Wee observe what you are pleased to advice that wee had discoursed our Merchts: about a Contract for Pagas: 80000 & intended to doe the same wth: ye: Porto Novo: Merchts: for the one half of what contracted for here; but if you please to peruse ours of the 5th: Curr: & 17th: ditto: you will find it to bee soe farr from [discourst] that wee had concluded wth: the Merchts: here and at Porto Novo.

for one and the same amount w^ch^ : together amounts to Pag^as^ : 160000 w^ch^ : was done on yo^r^ : own orders w^ch^ : shall quote if occasion and wee haveing given under our own hands & the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : seal for Confermacõn thereof w^ch^ : hope you will by noe means for their hon^r^ : disanull their Creditt being (at present) in these parts as great as any Europeans whatso[e]ver w^ch^ : ought to bee preserv'd w^th^ : as great care for should wee once revoke our agreement[s] it would certainly fling soe great a dishon^r^ : on our R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Employers that the Merch^ts^ : would never care to treat w^th^ : us more w^ch^ : would infinitely prejudice them. As for the Europe goods, the Merch^ts^ : are obliged to allow the Same price as at Conimeer for what shall bee deliverd them of those Sorts ; and for what not that being noe President for us to agree for on the Terms you shall please to order ; if not to [pay them] in money noe other agreement being to bee made : w^ch^ : you are pleased to hint they will much rather choose then the goods, tho you may please to beleive wee can oblige them to take the goods off on any reasonable termes haveing deliver'd them all wee have already except the Allome Corall & a parcell of Gold & Silver Thread for the two former can by noe means reach the price you are pleased to advice you have disposed of them att ; but shall the Corall at the best Rate wee can and returne the allum (as formerly orderd) if wee have noe order to the Contrary the Gold and Silver thread is altogether improper for the Sales of these Marketts and will Certainly bee Spoil'd w^th^ : lying, therefore shall (if you please) endeavour to dispose of it at Invoice price or the best rates wee can. Tis true tis agreed to pay Pag^as^ : 50000 in July next (or when you shall have it) soe that you are under noe Limitacõn for that ; but to doe as shall Stand w^th^ : yo^r^ : convenyency, but what wee shall happen to fall Short of the Sum, to receive soe much short of our Investment and to pay them Interest for what they shall bee in advance for us three months after Commencement of y^e^ : Investment till concluded or Satisfied ; and the reason it was not Referr'd to you was because wee had yo^r^ : orders to conclude on w^t^ : wee have done ; therefore what done at Conimeer Since could bee noe rule for us ; and wee could only wish our Selves soe happy to as much in yo^r^ : good Esteeme as they ; noe endeavours of ours haveing been wanting to deserve it, haveing in nothing fallen short of them, though brought our Contracts top much greater amount ; w^ch^ : could not have thought but would have been extreamly pleaseing to you ; and as for the want of Stock in other Factoryes wee well Know your greatest care to bee Such for the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ ; interest as to encourage those you find most deserveing of w^ch^ : y^e^ Rest can have noe Just reason to complain ; as for our Merch^ts^ : bringing in Goods upon advance till you can pay them there must bee a time Limitted for that and then wee will discourse them about it ; and doubtless they will take it into consideracõn as for their not being punctuall to their Contracts ; and bringing in noe more goods then they receive mony for ; they have as will appear by our bookes divers times brought in more goods then wee have been in advance of money to them ; and have received Interest for what been in advance to us. And as for their not compleating their Contracts in due time you may please to beleive it hath been occasioned by our not being punctuall in our payments to them (as agreed) w^ch^ : indeed there can bee noe certainty of because wee many receive short Stocks w^ch^ : renders us not in a capacity, but forced to Transfer their Creditts ; to the next years acco^t^ : & pay them when wee can, and on the last Investm^t^ : wee are indebted to them above Pag^as^ : 10000 besides what borrowed for Expences and Charges Merchandize and yett they complyed w^th^ : their Contract in due time but if weather and bussiness will not permitt the Sorting & embaleing &c^a^ : that cannot bee hope and you need not doubt if wee are punctuall in our agreements to them (w^ch^ : cannot bee for the reasons aforesaid) they will not bee wanting in theirs to us but bring into a much greater amount, but if wee are not tis excuseable in them if they doe not. As for paying our Merch^ts^ : Interest for what they shall bee in advance from the time of embaleing their goods, they are never to bee obliged thereto, haveing often proposed to them, & the reason is they are some months in disburse of their money to provide the goods in the Countrey, and tis sometime after before they can bee whited and Sorted and tho : you are pleas'd to allow them Interest for what they are in advance yett they are really soe till the principle and Interest bee paid and

att all times and att all places Such a Creditt to bee had on those terms, for if there could there would bee certainly a great advantage made thereon considering the trade of India, but there are few men can have it for any thing considerable wth: out more then ordinary Security and wee have ever been soe Cautious in all our Contracts wth: them as not to give them the least of advantage, but reserve a Liberty to ourselves that might allow of disapointments, and wee observe what you are pleas'd to Say (w^{ch}: is included in the foregoeing words to pay in July next or when you can) that if the Merch^{ts}: are contented to Stay for their money till you can pay them then you agree to our Contract, w^{ch}: they are wth: in the limitted time of the Contract if not are to expect noe more g[oods] then wee pay for, and as for what you Say, allowing Interest for what the Merch^{ts}: shall bee in advance till Satisfied is all one as ready money w^{ch}: is very true, but you may please to Consider that when there is noe Creditt nor money there can bee noe trade, and that to have it is much more Considerable then allowing Interest att soe moderate a rate, as for what you are pleas'd to advice that our Investment will not bare the Charge of two Factorys and that one must bee laid aside, it cannot consequently bee done now haveing contracted at both places but when that is done what you shall please to order therein shall bee observed tho you may please to beleive wee shall never bee able to unite these & the Porto Novo Merch^{ts}: in one Company haveing used all y^{e}: prevalent arguments wee could wth: them, w^{ch}: could we Effect would bee of great conveniency to us in Saveing y^{e}: Charge of one place & makeing the trade of the other the more considerable, w^{ch}: in reason ought to bee the same thing to them, but in what they please they are void of that, and if your resolves are to Keep but one ffactory, tis our opinion Cuddalore may bee of the greatest advantage to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Company (tho: Porto Novo a place of the greatest trade and advantage to private interest w^{ch}: ought to bee laid aside in consideracõn of the other) because our Customes are less then at Porto Novo, & if wee should bee forced to remove thither must bee at the Charge of building a New ffactory w^{ch}: there is noe need of here but this you may order as you please as occasion shall require.

As to what you are pleas'd to write concerning M^{r}: Cawley bussiness, Since tis Soe M^{r}: Davis must bee Content, but hee thinks hee has a little reason to favour him as hee had to injure him to unavoiadable ruine were hee not able by yo^{r}: Justice to resist it and hee desires you will please to advice to whome M^{r}: Cawley hath made over his Concernes for his Security.

Wee shall according to order allow M^{r}: Cawley his Servants Wages when you are pleas'd to advice from what time w^{ch}: will amount to a Considerable Sum if for any time Please to furnish us wth: Gunnys Ropes twine what you shall Judge Sufficient for our Investment, none being to bee had here and wth: Tarpawlings w^{ch} wth our humble respect remaine.

Wee heare you are pleasd to order 30 Soldiers for Conimeer and hope you will have the Same Consideracõn for us the danger being Equall.

J. D.
C. W.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Most humble & Obedient Servants

JOHN DAVIS.
CHR: WILSON.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JANUARY Y^{E}: 27TH: 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

The Examinacõn of Richard Coe Trumpeter of the Ship George about Charles Simons his Mate Speaking Treasonable words against his Ma^{tie}.

No. 45. The Said Richard Coe declares that on y^{e}: 9th: of this Instant being then on board s^{d}: Ship about 7 or 8 of y^{e}; clock in y^{e}: Evening said Charles Simons being then Drunk asked Coe where his [Master] y^{e}: Duke of York was to w^{ch}: hee replyed that hee was now King of England Simons thereto answered that hee did not beleive that & said that y^{e}: King was a Rogue & y^{e}: King might Kiss his arse & hee too & Coe there upon called John Elliott to take notice thereof wth: Severall others whose

names hee hath forgott but they all flew out of y^{e}: way & said they could not bear wittness thereof; and that the said Coe Earnestly Entreated said Simmons to desist from useing such Expressions; else if he were his owne Brother hee would acquaint y^{e} Commander thereof.

One the 20th: Instant about 12 at night or one in y^{e}: morning Said Coe and Simmons being Drinking 2 or 3 bowles of Punch and that time both a little in drink; in drinking y^{e}: last bowle Simmons asked Coe who hee had Served Coe Replyed S^{r}: Thomas Bellasis My Lord Bellasis Sonn upon w^{ch}: hee y^{e}: Said Simmons Said that my Lord Bellasis was a Traytor where upon Coe bad him take care what hee s^{d}: putting him in mind of what hee had Said on the 9th: Instant whereupon hee answered that y^{e}: Lord Bellasis was a Traytor and y^{e}: King a Rogue upon w^{ch}: hee the Said Coe immediatly went to M^{r}: Petto y^{e}: then Commander of the Ship and acquainted him of what passed and being both of them in Drink hee caused them to bee Seized one on y^{e}: on[e]side & the other on y^{e}: other Side of the gang way y^{e}: Said Coe doth alsoe declare that hee never heard Said Simmons Speak any Such Treasonable (or in y^{e}: least reflecting) words only in Drink w^{ch}: is all hee declares.

Taken and examined before us y^{e}: above s^{d}:
27th: January 168$\frac{6}{7}$

JOHN COVENTRY.
CLIC̃ CUR̃.

JOHN NICKS.
JOHN GRAY.
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN CHEYNEY.

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Coe Trumpeter of the Good Shipp George now Rideing in Madrass road & by Gods ✠ mission bound for England am holden and firmly bound unt[o] his Sovereigne Ma^{tie}: James the Second King of great Brittain &c^{a}: in y^{e}: full & Just Sum of Two Thousand pounds Sterling to bee paid to his Said Sovereigne Ma^{tie}: King James the Second his heires and Successors unto w^{ch}: payment well and truely to bee made and done. I bind mee my heirs Executors and adm̃ moneys goods and Chattells Lands and Tenants and every off them firmly by these presents Sealed wth: my hand and Seal Dated y^{e}: Twenty Seaventh day of January Anno Domini 168$\frac{6}{7}$. No. 46.

The Condic̃on of this obligac̃on is Such that if y^{e}: above bound Richard Coe doe and shall personally bee and appear before the first of his above said Ma^{ties}: Justices of the Peace that may bee mett wth: at the first Port in y^{e}: Kingdome of England to w^{ch}: y^{e}: said Ship shall this present voyage arrive & shall to Such his Said Ma^{ties}: Justice of the Peace make good the Accusac̃on by him given in against Charles Simmons belonging to the Said Ship for Speaking Treasonable words against his abovesaid Ma^{tie}: King James y^{e}: Second of great Brittain &c^{a}: unto M^{r}: John Nicks John Gray Nathaniell Higginson and John Cheney Justices of Fort S^{t}: George (the w^{ch}: Said accusac̃on is hereto annexed and by the affors^{d}: Justices Signed) and shall alsoe prosecute the said Charles Simmons for the Same: That then this Obligac̃on to bee void or else to bee in force.

RICHARD COE.

Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of
ANTHONY FENN.
JOHN COVENTRY.
CLIC̃ CUR̃.

CONIMEER THE 25TH: JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCELL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yours of y^{e}: 7th: Instant wee have received to w^{ch}: shall respectfully Reply. No. 47.
Before Cap^{ta}: Batten return'd by this Factory the 2 Syams Ships were Sailed dut of Pullcyherry Road; and tho wee have been upon enquirys cannot yett learn

what is become of them; wee have advice that they landed to the value of £20000: Sterling in goods and presents for the French King; and that haveing notice that there were Ships in persute of them; they immediatly after in the night time Weigh'd Anchor; and March'd off Cap^{ta}: Batten [now] heare is at Trincumbar in quest of them; but to noe purpose, according to yo^{r}: order wee have Sent forward yo^{r}: Letter everland to him.

Wee have advice that M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: have deliver'd the Europe goods to their Merch^{ts}: upon w^{ch}: acco^{t} ours now can Expect none; from thence doe therefore tell us that they may upon sure grownds, to prevent any further disputes and long Storys that when the Josiah shall arrive if shee brings up Sufficient to pay your Debt w^{ch}: is Pag^{as}: [*lacuna*] & Europe goods Sufficient for both Contracts Viz^{t}: pag^{as}: 20000 worth upon our present that then they Stand to what wee offer'd to you in our last but however if shee brings not the goods; soe shee brings the money for the Debt or that it is paid them by the end of next May upon payment thereof they will then Contract, and when the Europe Ships arrive in June then the Pag^{as}: 50000 or more or less w^{ch} you shall please or can Spare to bee sent wth: the Pag^{as}: 30000 of Europe Goods and the Contract to bee finished by the end of next September the Cheife thing they insist upon paying our Debt to them; for then that will Sett them at work for wth: out that considering this January Investment is all upon their Credit noe Europe goods being come into their hands yett; saveing pag^{as}: 5000 we at first deliver'd them; they Say they cannot undertake this bussiness wth: out some help, for to have neither their own money nor goods to begin wth: they askt us how wee can Expect it wth: out wee make a mine of their purses; as for Tinn Copper & Tutenage in truck for more goods; our Merch^{ts}: dont care to meddle wth: any; what wee proposed in our last Concerning the Copper was upon this present January Contract; not Relating to our late new proposalls to you.

The Corall att Cuddalore our Merch^{ts}: Still afirm to us was in Viboga Chittes possession 15 dayes and after that twas weigh'd off to the Merch^{ts}: there; it much Concernes ours here to meet wth: this discouragement; and our Selves to; because wee promiss them they should fare as well as those at Cuddalour; was it not allow'd there they could never ask it here; and are very often reflecting upon us that M^{r}: Davis in most things finds out ways to the advantage and Proffitt of the Merch^{ts}: there when wee upon all acco^{ts}: whatsoever Keep soe Strict a hand upon them here.

Tis Strange M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: should make such reflections upon our Late Contract and those soe falce too; could nothing recommend his bussiness but y^{e}: disparaging of ours; but since hee has begun wee must clear our Selves as well as wee can; M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: haveing desired an acco^{t}: of our Contract; wee in a letter of ours dated y^{e}: 13th: November gave him full Satisfaccon Coppie of w^{ch}: goes inclosed for yo^{r}: perusall whereby you wlll find they intend nothing but Malice to us and trouble to yo^{r}: Selves; wee wonder why they should talk wee abate but 12 ℔Cent on y^{e}: new sorts when our letter tells them wee abate 13 and tho wee dont particularly mention the Dustore; any one that did not intend difference would have understood us well enough; wee doe abate 13 ℔cent besides the Dustore another thing hee insists upon Viz^{t} our delivering our Merch^{ts}: broad Cloth ordinary at 20 Pag^{as}: the half ps. & 10 ℔ cent abatement on all other Sorts; this is as true as the former; as for our broadcloth &c^{a}: wee have disposed of it at the following prices Viz^{t}.

Broad cloth ordinary at	...	Pag^{as}: 22 ℔ half p^{s}:
Scarlett		„ 49 „
Fine Searges		„ $92\frac{3}{4}$ „
Lead		„ $9\frac{1}{2}$℔ Candy.
Corrall		„ $89\frac{3}{4}$ ℔ maund.
Auroras Broad cloth		„ $26\frac{3}{4}$ ℔ $\frac{1}{2}$ ps.

Quick Silver and vermilion upon w^{ch}: never sold any here yett; have not come to any agreement upon y^{e}: reason why wee could nott putt of our Europe goods at better Rates; was because of ihe hard termes of our Contract Viz^{t}: our Merch^{ts}:

to take off Pag^{as} : 20,000 in Europe Goods & to advance 5,000 Pag^{as} : more in ready money, this Contract beginning the 28th : of October and to bee finished by the end of this Month w^{ch} : haveing at Large represented to you in ours of the 13th : September last you were pleas'd in yours of the 30th : Ditto & 14th : October to approve of what wee did giveing us y^{e} : Liberty to doe as well as wee could according to w^{ch} : not being able to advance upon y^{e} : price of the Europe goods wee contracted wth : our Merchants ; not finding any possibillity of bettering our termes ; and this being y^{e} : present bussiness ; and nothing but y^{e} : truth ; wee have reason to beleive &c^{a} : intended nothing else but to advance the Creditt of his present Contract upon the disparagement of ours ; what reason they have for it please to permitt us to enquire into ; and how hee can Justifie his abateing upon the usuall prices of Europe goods ; Ours was a Contract peculiarly by itSelf as to the Termes ; and limitted to a very short time ; they have the whole year before them their Contract Runns to take of pag^{as} : 30,000 in Europe goods, but are to have pag^{as} 50,000 in ready money when the Ships come ; ours to take 20,000 in Europe goods and advance pag^{as} : 5,000 more , and only pag^{as} : 5,000 in hand ; and w^{ch} : goods to are not come to their hands ; they pay Interest 3 months after Signing and Sealing their Contract ; notwth : Standing they have received their goods ; and why Interest should bee paid wee Know not, for their Merchants advance not a Cash ; soe they will pay Interest for the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Money w^{ch} : will amo^{t} : to Considerably upon pag^{as} : 50,000 in 4 months time ; tis true wee allow our Merch^{ts} : Interest 3 months after Signing and Sealing but this is for pag^{as} : 5,000 and this two when our goods are all brought in and not before besides ; besides this Loss too of their paying Interest for the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : money ; M^{r} Davis &c^{a} have gratified their Merch^{ts} : wth : Gold Chains & Scarlett to the amo^{t} of Pag^{as} : 300 (very near) w^{ch} wee think considering the foregoing the Termes of their Contract can hardly bare : besides the ill President it may give for the future ; besides another thing wee are apt to fear w^{ch} : is their abateing upon y^{e} : Europe goods ; upon their present Contract should it come to our Merch^{ts} : ears would put them upon demanding the like Favour of us here when wee contract ; because the Contract seems alike at both places Saveing wee pay noe Interest here, and shall endeavour if possible to get of the Gold Chains ; wee Say not only in this but upon Severall acco^{ts} : heretofore Cuddalour has put us to a great deal of trouble and given occasion to our Merch^{ts} : to have long disputes wth : us to the prejudice of the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Concernes ; whereas if Cuddalour were wth drawn ; our Merch^{ts} : would not have any pretence or bad example to Back and reinforce their arguments against us ; besids what is done at Cuddalour and Porto Novo ; our Merch^{ts} : are able to undertake and perform which will save a great charge to the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : that being done in one place w^{ch} : at present is at three besides the Custome here being less ; and this shall Suffice [in answere] to the Malicious Paragraph from Cuddalour and their Saying they could wish they had a better example from hence.

Wee shall suddainly send you an acco^{t} what wee at present stand indebted to our Merch^{ts} : wee have received that Essaies of the Silver from w^{ch} : shall Know how to Governe ourSelves, never certainly was a ffactory in greater want than wee are at this present both ourSelves and Merch^{ts} : can help noe more, & wth : out your help wee Know not what we shall doe o^{r} Merch^{ts} : have brought in more cloth then our Contract, but wth : out wee have a Speedy Supp[l]y ; our washers will not and are not able to trust any longer ; and will leave us a weeks time more, had wee money would ffinish all, w^{ch} : wee humbly leave to you ; w^{ch} : being the needful ; at present wee respectfully conclude and Remaine.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Yo^{r} : Most Humble Servants
JOHN WILCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

CONIMEER THE 13TH NOVEMBER 1686.

To Mr: JOHN DAVIS CHEIF &c^{a}: COUNCILL IN CUDDALOUR.

Srs:

No. 48. Yours of the 9th: came to our hands ye: 11th Ditto; and according to your desires doe now Send you the Same full ample accot: of our last Contract you Speak of; in order to the better Settling your bussiness wth: your Merchts: being as willing and ready to advice you in anything as wee are glad that this place is an Example tending to ye: better and more advantageous ordering of ye: Rtt: Honble: Compas: affairs in your ffactory.

The Termes and Conditions of our Contract are as followeth; our Merchts: are to take off Pagas: 20000 in Europe goods; wch: the Rtt: Honble: President &ca: write us will come up from ye: Bay upon ye: Josiah; Pagas: 5000 they advance upon Creditt free of Interest for 3 months, from ye: date of our Contract and Pagas: 5000 wee to deliver them and all this to bee brought in to us by the end of January, to goe home by that Shipping; the goods they bring in to us to bee according to our usuall manner of Contract; only upon our new Sorts they doe abate 13 ℔ Cent upon ye: former prices this being ye: particulars of our present bussiness and what you have desired of us we have noe more but Remaine.

Srs:
Your Affectionate ffriends
[Blank in original.]

HUGLY RIVER 23D: XBER: 1686.

To THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: OF FORT St: GEORGE
AND CITTY OF MADRAS &ca: COUNCILL.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

No. 49. Our last to your honr: was ℔ ye: Josiah, to wch: wee Referr Concerning ye: Sundrys therein Specified.

These are Cheifly to accompany ye: Inclosed Bills of Ladeing and Invoice for ye: Quedah Merchts: ye: George Trivlecane, and the Princes, includeing ye: two hundred Maund of wheat formerly Sent on the Concord wee Send you alsoe some Bales of Cloth being the Merchts: Remnants on ye: Quedah Merchts: for Europe, and are as the Rest formerly adviced off Sullied and Tumbled wch: through Straitness of time, and the disorders our affairs in Genll: were in upon comeing off could not bee remidied

By the Same Conveiance comes Captn: Edward Inglish late Commander of the King of Syams Ship off warr whom conforme to yor: honrs: &ca: orders, wee have Seazed and Sent up Prisoner at Large upon 20000 Rupees Security for his appearance at the ffort to answere to what allegacons may bee exhibited against him, the Ship is but of Small vallue being priz'd at Rups: 2500 out of wch: wee have & are to pay Rups: 1530 for wages due to Seamen upon her being Seazed so that their remains only 970rs: to bee carried to the Creditt of the King of Syams accot: the accot: of wages comes herewth: upon the Earnest Request of the sd: Edward Inglish, wee have advanced him 2000 Rupees in part upon accot: of 41 Barrels of Gunpowder and other arms and amunition bought of him according to the accot: Inclosed wch: affirms hee bought at Fort St: George upon his own Proper accot: and engages to prove there or returne ye: money againe according to ye: Tenor of the Condition of his Inclosed Bond wch: wee Remitt your honr: &ca: for that end. That you may make Examanacon of ye: matter, most of all the other Sailers belonging to that Ship wee have disepated on board ye: Rtt: Honble: Compas: Shipping and hope have put a stop to ye: Syam Designe.

The Ship itSelf if possible shall bee loaden for the Fort wth: Rice or Gram, or Some other provissions from Ballasore as Soon as procurable.

As to the present Transactions w^th^ : the Government wee have little more to add to what mentioned in our former, Save that wee left Hugly on y^e^ : 20^th^ : Instant & M^r^ : Watts and Boremull are come down from Dacca the latter w^th^ : full power (as hee Says) to Treat w^th^ : us about an accommodac̃on, and gives us to beleive that wee have reduced y^e^ : Nabob, to grant us our Termes ; the truth of it is, wee have a great deal of reason to beleive they will grant us our severall demands as mentioned in o^r^: last at large ; and the building of a Fort w^th^ : a free Corporac̃on as Madrass is wee suppose will never bee granted by fair means : Wee adviced yo^r^ : hon^r^ : &c^a^ : of the great [Strait] wee were in for advice in this case : so as to Reconcile the R^tt^: Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : instruc̃ons to their greatest advantage ; in this wee shall think ourSelves Safest by following their orders the nearest wee can wee have admitted of no Treaty as yett w^th^ : Boremul only have deliver'd him in our Demands mentioned at Large in our Last ; w^ch^ : hee has Transmitted to Dacca for the Nabobs advice therein and desires as earnestly to Stay in y^e^ : River ; till y^e^ : returne of an answere thereunto ; w^ch^ : in all probability wee shall doe ; being as yett gott noe farther down then Chuttanuttee ; w^th^ : Cap^ta^ : Nicholson, whose Ship is off the Careen ; and in readiness to prosecute what farther we shall resolve upon in persuance of orders.

Wee have hitherto Continued our Cessation of Armes and forbore all acts of hostility for the reasons in our letter before menc̃oned, and our comeing of the shoar was very friendly and peaceable and noeless honourable they furnished us w^th^ : Boats Dandys and all other necessaries for our comeing down, and have order'd the Countrey to come down w^th^ : provissions ; while wee are in the River, and [doe] demonstrate w^th^ : how much unwillingness they lett us goe.

By this occasion wee Send yo^r^ : hon^r^ : &c^a^ : the remainder of this years Diarie for the Fort ; and our whole Diarie for England w^th^ : our Coppy books of Letter received and sent w^ch^ : by reason of the late troubles ; could not be bound into books ; as usuall bee pleas'd to Transmitt them home by the first occasion, wee take hold of this oppertunity that they might bee Sure of them Knowing how Materiall they are unto them and w^ch^ : wee shall Referr to in our great many particulars in our next Generall to their hon^rs^ : w^ch^ : wee intend to dispatch from hence towards the 10^th^ : of next month by a particular Express to the ffort by Some Sloop or other w^th^ : a full acco^t^ : of affaires to that time ; herew^th^ : comes alsoe a parcell of Generall books of the Bay being Supernumerary Duplicates w^ch^ : wee Suppose might have been omitted to bee sent home in time ; according to a list herew^th^ : the w^ch^ : wee likewise recommend to yo^r^ : hon^r^ : &c^a^ : care in forwarding home ; not else at present from.

Hon^b^le^ : S^r^ : &c^a^
Yo^r^ : humble Servants
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
JOHN NICHOLSON.
SAM^LL^ GRIFFITH.
EDW^D^ : OXBOROUGH.

Acco^t^ of Cap^ta^ : English his Amunition and armes Viz^t^:

40 Barrells of Gunpowder at pag^as^ : [8] ℔ barrell is 320 pag^as^ :
140 Small armes 375 pag^as^ :
in all 695 pag^as^ :

In the Name of God Amen this Charter Party of Affraightmen[t] Indented made and agreed upon at Hugly the fourth day of November Anno Domini one Thousand Six hundred Eighty Six : and in y^e^ : Second year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lord James the Second King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the ffaith &c^a^ : between William Hilder of Surrat Master of the good Ship called the Quedah Merch^t^: burthen two hundred fifty tuns or thereabouts now Rideing at Anchor In y^e^ : River of Hugly and Master under God [*sic*] of the Said Ship for her now intended voyage on the one part, and Job Charnock Esq^r^: Agent in the Bay of Bengall Behar & Orixa &c^a^ : Councill for affaires, for and in the behalf of the Govern^r^ : and Comp^a^ : of Merchants of London tradeing into the East Indies of the other part ; Wittnesseth that the said Master for and on the behalf of himself and the owners of Said Ship hath granted and lett to ffraight the Said Ship unto the Agent and Councill and the Said Agent and Council hath hired the s^d^ : Ship ; for a voyage w^th^ : her to bee made in manner and forme following that is to Say the s^d^ : No. 50.

William Hilder for himself his Executors and Administrators doth Covenant promise & Grant to and wth : the s^{d} : Agent &c^{a} : Councill their Successors or assignes by those presents.

That the said ship or vessell wth : y^{e} : first oppertunity of wind weather Tyde Pilotage after the Ensealing hereof, shall bring his Said Ship up s^{d}: River of Hugly befor the Town of Hugly and into the English Gott or hole; and receive Such Goods and Merchandize, as y^{e}: Said Agent & Councill shall think fitt and w^{ch}: shee may reasonably carry and Stow over and above her victuall Tackell and apparell and that the said ship or vessell shall by Gods Grace Sett Sail immediatly from and after the fifteenth of Decemb^{r} : next, directly as wind and weather will Serve from her last Port of Ladeing unto the Port or harbour of ffort S^{t}: George upon y^{e}: Coast of Cormandell; and there deliver unto William Gyfford Esq^{r}: President &c^{a}: Councill there for affaires of the said Govern^{r} : and Comp^{a} : for the time being their Successors or assignes all Such Goods and merchandize as shall bee laden on board her by the s^{d} : Agent and Councill of Bengall their Successors or assignes upon the acco^{t}: of the s^{d} : Govern^{r} : and Comp^{a} : dry and well Condition'd and make a Right discharge and end of the s^{d} : Voyage danger of the seas fire Enimies & Embargo of Princes only Excepted and that the s^{d}: Ship or vessell after her arrivall at Fort S^{t}: George at Anchor there; for her unladeing as aforesaid ten workeing dayes & the s^{d} : William Hilder for himself his Executors and administrators and his part owners aforesaid doth further Covenant promise and Grant to and wth : the said Job Charnock &c^{a}: Councill their Successors and assignes, & also warra[n]t by these presents that the s^{d} : Ship or Vessell is and at her departure from the River of Hugly ; and dureing the said voyage shall bee Strong and Staunch and well and Sufficiently manned victualled Tackled and apparelled and furnished wth: Mast Sailes Sail yards Anchors Cables Ropes Cords Tackell apparell Boat and all other furniture whatsomeever Requisite for Such a Ship or vessell for Such a voyage together wth : an able mate and fower Sufficient able Seamen w^{ch} : shall be ready att all times upon every request wth : the Long boat or Pinnace of s^{d} : Ship to Serve the said Job Charnock &c^{a} : Councill their Successors and assignes and Such persons to whome the said Ship is Consign'd to and from Land dureing the s^{d} : Voyage and Space of ten dayes aboves^{d} : and the said Job Charnock &c^{a} : Councill for themselves their Successors or assignes doth Covenant and Grant to and wth : the s^{d} : William Hilder his Executors and administrators, not only to lade unlade and dispatch away the s^{d} : Ship or vessell to Fort S^{t}: George aforesaid wth : in the time and times before therefore Limitted and agreed upon but also that hee shall be allowed a Pilott up and down the River Hugly into Ballasore Road or through the new deeps and shall therefore well and truely pay or Cause to bee paid him the said William Hilder his Executors administrators or assignes at the Rate of four pounds Sterling ℔ Tun for two hundred and fifty Tuns ; according to the Comp^{as}: Tunnage and the ffreight to bee paid in English money as vallued and sold there; and soe after the Same Rate for Such other goods as shall bee by them Laden on your Said Ship or vessell together wth: Primage and averidge accustomed Provided always and it is declar'd and agreed between y^{e} : Parties to these presents that it shall bee Lawfull for the said W^{m}: Hilder immediately from and after y^{e}: said ffifteenth day of December to Depart and make the best of his way to Fort S^{t} : George wth : Such ladeing as shall then bee put on board him by y^{e} : s^{d} : Agent & Councill anything therein Contained to the Contrary not wth : Standing In Wittness wherof the Parties above Menc̃oned to these Charter parties interchangeable have Sett their hands and Seals the Day and year above written.

WILLIAM HILDER.

Signed Sealed & deliver'd in y^{e}:
Presents of us the words in the
margin being inserted before the
Signing and Sealing hereof.

THOMAS MACKBITH.
JOHN HANNAM.

Acco^{t} : of Wages due to Sundry persons fformerly belonging to the Revenge Viz^{t}: No. 51.

	Rupees.
To Edward Inglish 7 m^{os} : at 124 Rup^{s} : ℔ m^{o} :	868
To George Hawkesmore Leivft ffrom ℔^{mo} : May to 15 Sept^{r}: 40 ℔m^{o}: deducting 119½ Rup^{s}: fformerly paid him ...	60½
To Luke Hardiman ffrom d^{o} : to d^{o} : time at 40℔ m^{o} : deduct 176 Rupees formerly p^{d} :	34
To W^{m} : Bell 5 M^{o} : 10d : 30 ℔m^{o} : deducting 86 p^{d} : ...	74
To James Dunkin 4½ m^{o} : 30 ℔ m^{o} : deducting 57 Rup^{s} : p^{d} :	78
To William James d^{o} : time at 25 Rupees ℔ month deducting 52 R:	60½
To William Tubbins 2 m^{o} : ½ at 17½ Rups: deducting 26½ ...	17
To John White 5 M^{o} : att 20℔ m^{o} :	100
To Robert Silkwood 4½ M^{o} : at 17½ ℔ m^{o} : deducting 44^{rs} :	34½
To Robert Smith 5 m^{o} : at d^{o} : deducting 61½	26
To Curnelus Abraham 1 M^{o} : 17½ deducting 4	13½
To Jos : Josta & P^{o} : La Roy am^{o} : to	152
To John Gregory	42
Rupees ...	1580

BOOKES Supernumerary of w^{ch} : double Coppies found in the Compt^{g} : Office therefore Suppose were never Sent to England now putt up and marked as ℔ margin 6 December 1686. No. 52.

3 Pattana Journalls and Ledgers P. Q. Z.
2 Malda Ditto Y Z.
3 Cassimbuzar Ditto O. P. Q.
1 Hugly Ditto S.

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A List of the Packet to Fort S^{t} : George ℔ the Ship Quedah Merch^{t} : Cap^{ta}: W^{m} : Hilder Commander Viz^{t} :

From Hugly Dated the 23^{d} : of December 1686. No. 53.

N^{o}. 1 : Hugly Generall to the ffort Dated the 23^{d} : of Decemb^{r} : 1686.
2 : Cap^{ta} : William Hilder his Charter Party.
3 : The Quedah Merch^{ts} : bill Loading.
4 : The Georges Bill of Loading.
5 : The Trivelecanes Bill of Loading.
6 : The Princes Bill of Loading.
7 : Bengall Invoice of s^{d} : Ships Loading.
8 : Cap^{ta} : Edward Inglish his Bond.
9 : His acco^{t} : of Seamens wages & the King of Syams ship.
10 : A list of Generall Books sent home.
11 : Hugly Diaries to the Fort from July to November 1686.
12 : Hugly Diaries for England for the year 1686.
13 : Hugly Coppy book of Letters received.
14 : Ditto of Letters Sent.
15 : One Bundle of Generall Bookes of the Bay for England.
16 : A List of Said Packett.

} in a Box.

JANUARY THE 13TH 168$\frac{6}{7}$ IN FORT ST: GEORGE.

Gentlemen.

No. 54. It is a great unhappyness for a man alone to Contest wth : a great many [especially] when prejudice has Soe possest Some mens minds that there is noe roome for [reason] and no other acco^{t} : for their accons: but their wills.

I am a great Stranger to Sence if [such methods can prove serviceable] to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: [and as little acquainted wth: the priviledg of the subject if such usage as I] have Suffered can bee any ways justified; for in our Country if a man happens to be accused of Crimes of a high nature hee is used wth : Respect till the accusation bee made out and no mans Committed to prison wth: out being first informed of the cause, but here things are managed otherwise tho: I hope tis far from the imaginacon of any one of yee: that his Ma^{tie}: has or will grant yee power arbitra[r]ily to impose on his Ma^{ties}: Subjects whatsoever heat & passion dictates; therefore Gentlemen pray Consideration Legall tis by force of armes to enter a mans house Seize his person take away his papers and dispoile him of his goods & Chattells and all this wth: out showing Cause or producing any Sort of warrant for soe doeing Such proceedings our Laws in noe Case [dos] alow and the Seizeing papers is never to bee done but when the person is accused of high Treason and the State Concerned; this I know to bee Law; and Gentlemen as men Sowe they must expect to Reap therefore twill bee worth yo^{r}: whiles to Consider how well and Safe it may bee for yee to become approvers and partyes in the Improper and illegall proceedings of y^{e} : R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Servants in the Bay; for twill not bee Sufficient for yee to Say that those in the bay informed yee that I was Debtor there in Such and Such Sums; and therefore yee made mee prisoner here in order to Send mee back againe it will by noe means bee warrantable; ffor I am not to bee the property of yo^{r}: warr; first to bee taken out of my house then sent on board a ship there kept a Strict prisoner then brought hither confined in yo^{r}: ffort and after like a Tennis Ball to bee bandyed back againe; noe Gentlemen yee are to Know that an Englishman as hee is free borne is not after such manner to be inslaved; and if yee would but think well on't theres none of yee but would think it very unequall to bee soe used but Some will Say all I Say Signifies nothing till the Objection of Debt bee removed because till men have paid their Debts they cannot bee allowed to depart; now take it for Granted that there was a Debt of as great a sum as can bee imagined the Gentlemen who Committed the first trespass on my person hath alterd the property of things; and intituled themselves to the Debt in Respect of the Countrey; and are liable to make Satisfacon: to mee in respect of the Trespass; but it is otherewise then yee are informed for there is a Merchant named Jadusha that by his obligacon: underhand is obliged to pay all demands that wear created upon y^{e}: acco^{t}: of that Interest I was engaged for and his Obligacon is amongst my other papers taken from mee and in the possesion of the Agent and Councill of Hugly; much more I can Say as to this but doe not find myself obliged this particular to Enlarge.

But after all Gentlemen my designes are peaceable except necessity puts mee upon other expedients and my desire is to goe for England where I am perswaded I shall bee capable of giveing the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : Some satisfacon that they perchance cannot arrive soe well to as by my means; though my Inclinacon to goe for England is not from any fear of goeing back to Bengall for I can assure my Self of an hon^{ble} : reception not wth : standing the Reports Transmitted heither Concerning mee but Insist on it as my Right w^{ch}: wth: Submission I think yee cannot deny wth :out hazard to yo^{r}: Selves; and as I use this ffreedome soe I desire to bee understood that I doe it not by way of menace but as I think the case really is, and if after all yee shall resolve to keep mee here I shall take care to procure a Habeas Corpus from England and if your proceedings shall be deemed irregular; yee cannot expect to be commended; more I might Say but shall forbare; and doe assure you that I desire nothing but an amicable Composure of all that has happyned, and therefore hope a favourable construction of what I have write; and Some answere that I may have the oppertunity of acknowledging mySelf.

Gentleman
Y^{or}: Obliged hum^{ble} : Servant
THOMAS DAVIES.

VIZAGAPATAM 21ST JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR: PRESIDENT &CA: COUNCIL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

The 12th: instant wee despatched Sloop Gingerlee wth: parcells 1189 am^{ot} to Pag^{as}: 4488:17: 1; and now have laden on Ship Trivelecane M^{r}: John Strangways Master 31 bales amounting to Pag^{as}:... ... ... 4488 : 17 : 1 No 55.

Pa^{d}: 1029 : 31 : 2

5518 : 12 : 3

Concerning w^{ch}: Invoices and Bills Ladeing all ready Sent; and these now inclosed will particularly informe you where unto please to bee referred.

The Master would not agree wth: us for the ffreight of the Bales but desires it may bee Referred to yo^{r}: &c^{a}: and his owners hee likewise made an offer to pay into y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash here Rupees 8000 at the Rate of Rupees 3$\frac{1}{16}$: ℔ pag^{a}: w^{ch}: being the Rate they goe at and rup^{s}: the Curr^{t}: money of these parts wee have accepted and received the Same and given him a Bill upon yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: for Pag^{as}: 2612: in Liew thereof payable to the owners of said Ship Trivelecane w^{ch}: hope you will please to accept and approve off; being twill bee an advantage to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for upon conclusion wth: our Merch^{ts}: find the[y] Expect high Interest for what they have advanced they paying the like therefore Esteeme it Convenient (haveing this opertunity) to clear their acco^{ts}: and not lye at any Interest our goods would not possibly whiten them all.

The famine being so very Severe the remainder shall come upon another vessell in few dayes bound for the Fort this Ship nott being able to receive any more then now Sent upon her w^{ch}: being the needfull at present wee respectfully Remaine.

The Master of Sloope Gingerlee Boatswaine & Lascars wee have p^{d}: to the midle of February.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Obedient & very humble Servants
RICHARD BROWN.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD, ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: OF FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCELL.

MADAPOLLAM THE 24TH JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

To yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: on y^{e}: 14th: Curr^{tt}: wee write a few Lines ℔ the Ship Tobaccalee Hussanel Master or Pilott; bound from Narsapore to ffort S^{t}: George: and therein adviced that wee had laden upon s^{d}: Ship 140 Timbers Viz^{t}: 70 long Timbers and 70 Short; for the Right Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: acco^{t}: haveing paid ffreight for the Same; as to the Boats werein they were first Laden; which they paid back wee omitted to Send Invoice thereof w^{ch}: now comes herewth: No. 56.

Wee have therefore yo^{r} Gen^{ll}: to answere Viz^{t}: of the 20th November being duplicate of that Sent ℔ M^{r}: Littleton one of the 14th last month w^{ch}: wee received the 29th Ditto and y^{e}: third bareing date y^{e}: 30th December was received the 12th Curr^{t}; wee have Sent enclosed an acco^{t}: of the Europe Goods Remaining at this time in this ffactory, the Remains in the ffactory are in Last years Books Coppys whereof are at the Fort; w^{ch}: were then vallued at there true worth Since w^{ch}: there can bee little demunition of their vallue; unless in Some house moveables w^{ch}: are ffrequently more used then others, wee gave orders Some time Since for Provissions

of 200 Collers of Bandaleers w^ch^ : are not yett finished ; Wee should have Supplyed Pettipollee w^th^ : Pag^as^ : 500 upon yo^r^ : order but could not w^th^ : out leaveing our Selves bare ; wee Suppose they have received the Same ffrom Metchlepatam ; haveing Since our answere to their Letters had no further advice thereof ; wee shall Creditt acco^t^ : Curr^tt^ : Fort S^t^ : George ; for Pag^as^ : 38 : 5 : 2 for Interest on our Bill to Cap^ta^ : Raines according to your order at the Closeing of the Generall Books.

Wee have now Sent Coppy of the Stewards Book of Factory Expence Transcript of Consultacon : Diary &c^a^ : and of Letters Sent and received for England ; w^ch^ : could nott bee Sooner ffinished by reason of the Indisposition of Thomas Wright and Charles Foster the Stewards acc^ot^ : Curr^tt^ : for the months of November & December ; alsoe the Particulars of disburstm^ts^ : on Ship Santa Rosa, Sloop Madapollam and Mary.

The Sloop Madapollam has at Length obtained her voyage to Bengall ; the winds haveing since the 4^th^ : instant blown every day in y^e^ : afternoon fresh from y^e^ : South wee wish y^e^ : Josiah may touch here from the Bay ; otherwise fear what goods may bee in a readiness will nott arrive timely for to bee Sent home this year (the boats from this place being all Sent to Gingerlee by their owners for Graine) wee have not Remaining above two Candy & there is noe new to bee procured under 28 or 30 Pag^as^ : ℔ Candy so that wee Know not what Course to take to Keep our horses alive and in a short time wee shall bee no less perplexed for money to defray Charges our Cash being very low ; and none too bee procured ; but at Excessive Interest w^ch^ : wee are assured ; you will not approve off the Europe goods have been offered at Cheaper rates then p^d^ : by y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : to Raise money but cannot vend one peice besides the famine w^ch^ : has destroyed great numbers ; The small pox is and now rise amongst us as well in y^e^ : ffactory as the Town w^ch^ : discouragements and hindrances are not to bee remedied wee have not more to add Save our Most humble Services presented ffrom.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Your Most Humble & Obedient Servants
SAMUELL WALES.
RICH^D^ : BRERETON.

P.S.—Upon Examinacon wee find that wee Sent you Invoice of all the Timbers last year and therefor have not as menconed in y^e^ : preceeding part of the Letter inclosed y^e^ ; Same wee Sent to ffort S^t^ : George on the Ship Speedwell 30 Candy Gram to Metchlepatam 17 Candy in the ffactory in Aprill last w^ch^ : has been Spent on Dayly Since that time in feeding y^e^ : horses &c^a^ : Cattle haveing but about 3 Candy Left.

Id.
SAM^LL^ : WALES.
RICH^D^ : BRERETON.

No. 57. Accompt of Cash good Debts goods &c^a^ : belonging to the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : English East India Company Remaining in their Factory of Madapollam w^th^ : as near a valluacon as can bee now made taken y^e^ : 31^th^ : December 1686.

	Pag^as^ : Fa : Ca :
Cash Remaining in Cash Chest	559 : 16 : 5
Benj^a^ : Northy Deceased his Debt	22 : 13 : 1
Charles Fowns deceased his Debt...	180 : 19 : 3
Joynt Stock Godown for w^ch^ : y^e^ : Merch^ts^ : are to pay.	872 : 25 : 4
Thomas Wright y^e^ : Ballance of his acco^t^ :... ...	166 : 33 : 4
Scarlett &c^a^ : Colours 5 half peeces in y^e^ : Warehouse.	222 : 8 : 0
[Broad Cloth] 156 half ps :	2011 : 24 : 0
Perpetuanoes 77 p^s^ :	615 : 12 : 3

				Pag^{as}:	Fa:	Ca:
Cloth Rashes 20 half p^{s}:				240	21	0
Sword Blades 4				3	0	0
	c. qr. d.					
Brimston	55 0 21			101	6	2
Allum	116 2 1			304	7	5
Callicoes 13 p^{s}: of Severall Sorts old Remaines				40	3	0
House and Grownd in Madapollam				2000	0	0
Factory Verasheroon				30	0	0
Acco^{t}: Plate 21 p^{s}:				165	19	0
Small Armes 12½ p^{s}:				13	4	0
Acco^{t}: Cattle two horses				125	0	0
Generall Stores Wheat Wax and Gram				104	20	1
Packing Stuff				133	35	2
Musters of Callicoes 27 p^{s}:				36	28	4
Md. Seer.						
Sandall 7 20				22	18	0
House Moveables Sundry particulars				236	35	2
			Pag^{as}:	8208	32	0

Errors Excepted ℔

SAMUELL WALES.
RICHARD BREBETON.

CONIMEER FEBRUARY THE 4TH: 168⅞.

TO THE HONBLE W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Yours of y^{e}: 22^{d}: & 29th: ulto & 1st: Instant have received; by reason the Shrewsbury came to an anchor in this Road this morning have not time soe fully to give an answere as otherwise wee would at more Leizure shall bee larger wee are now full off bussiness and complying wth: yo^{r}: orders w^{ch}: in all particulars shall exactly follow both as to M^{r}: Holcombs goeing to Codalour if the Ship goes there but if not & that M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: Send their goods, Invoice &c^{a}: to this place shall then add along wth: our own the amo^{t}: of their Invoice to yours and Send them all home inclosed in your Pacquet to y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: if it comes to our hands in time. No. 58.

Wee have received y^{e}: Pag^{as}: 1000 you were pleas'd to Send us, which & [wth: y^{e}:] Europe goods when wee receive them all ashoar Shall give you due Creditt but fear wee shall have Something to doe wth: our Merch^{ts}: when they Shall come to Know there is soe m^{ch}: Green broad Cloth Copper and Tinn w^{ch}: in our last wee acquainted you wth: they were unwilling to medle wth: upon our new proposalls. Herewth: wee send you a Generall from Cap^{ta}: Batten wth: Some other Letters that came along wth: it w^{ch}: being y^{e}: needfull at Present wee respectfully remaine.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Most humble Servants

JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

P.S.—Wee hear of a Ship wth: English Colours at Pullicherry, w^{ch}: wee presume to bee Cap^{ta}: Batten w^{ch}: wee thought convenient to advice of; wee shall Send to enquire & then shall write you farther about it.

Wee have Since y^{e}: above written heard y^{e}: above s^{d}: Ship is the Rebecca.

J.W.
R.M.
S.H.

TRINCUMBAR Y^E : 29^TH : JANUARY 168⅞.

To the Honbel W^M : Gyfford Esq^R :
President & Governor &c^A : Councill
at Fort St George &c^A :

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

No. 59. I am Sorry it was my illfortune to come into this place for whilst the Northerly winds blew that I could not weigh I exhausted almost all my provissions that I had on board & now that y^e : Southerly winds blow that I have oppertunity of comeing to yo^r : hon^r : &c^a : I cannot gett my provissions that I have given money out for being gott into a place where promises are very plenty but a great Scarcitie of performances but notw^th standing I hope to Saile tomorrow morning or Munday; I have Still Kept y^e : Ketch by mee being in dayly expectac̃on of Some Syam Ships & according to your directions shall leave her at Codalour I hope yo^r : hon^r : &c^a : will have good Construction of my Staying w^ch : is all at Present from.

Your hon^rs : &c^a :
Most humble Servant
THOMAS BATTEN.

CUDALORE Y^E : 3^D : FEBRUARY 168⅞.

To the Honble William Gyfford Esq^R :
President & Govern^R : &c^A ; Councell
In Fort St George.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

No. 60. Wee have Received yo^rs : of y^e : 22^d : & 29^th : past to w^ch : shall deferr giveing our answere till a Convenient time may admitt of a Reply w^ch : Suppose it will not doe now you being diverted w^th : a dispatch of yo^r : Ships as possibly wee may, Something in our advices home too.

This is therefore to advise that this day arrived Sloop James at this port & Sloop Mary at Porto Novo, the former of w^ch : shall according to your order bee fitted there, if you please to Remitt us money to defrey the Expence not haveing had on[e] farthing in y^e : Factory for this fifteen dayes nor Know not where to gett it, w^th : out your Releife w^ch : Most humbly entreat haveing taken up Soe much already from y^e : Merch^ts : that our Creditt will goe noe farther w^th : them till wee Satisfie what wee owe; therefore if you furnish us nott, Know now what our extremityes may drive us to y^e : latter of w^ch : Shall dispatch towards you, if noe ffreight offers.

M^r : Davis humbly entreat's y^e : ffavour of you (if his Ship y^e : Cudalour Merch^t : bee not arrived w^th : you) that you will please to permitt M^r : John Nick to lade what goods hee shall have to lade for his accompt on y^e : Shrewsbury being bound for this Port and hee will pay what ffreight you shall please to require being resolved to Settle his affaires soe as to proceed for Europe by y^e : first oppertunity (being soe little encouragement for him) as indeed hee would have done by this could hee have soe far Seen y^e : Event of things as they are like to bee, as hee does now but hee desires you will put noe unkind Construc̃on upon this (being not soe intended) but admitt him a friendly farew^ll (after soe many unkindnesses received her, w^ch : will be Extreamly Satisfactory) wee have not farther to offer at Present, but that wee are.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Your Most humble & Obedient Serv^ts.
JOHN DAVIS.
CHRIS : WILSON.

CUDDALOUR FEBRUARY Y^E : 5^th : 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^BLE : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R :
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R : &C^A : COUNCELL
IN FORT S^T : GEORGE.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

Wee received yo^rs : of the 22^d : & 29^th : past & ℔ mo Curr^tt : to y^e : needfull of w^ch : shall now Respectfully Reply. No. 60.

The Charges of Sloop Thomas amo^ts : to Pag^as : 8 : 17 fa : for w^ch : desire you will please to Creditt our acco^t : Curr^tt : y^e : Particulars of w^ch : shall bee sent you if you please to Require it.

As for y^e : Rest of yo^r : Letters finde you are pleased Chiefly to insist upon our [last] Contracts made w^th : our Merch^ts : being done Contrary to your approbac̃on (although wee have yo^r : orders for it) and therefore must Consequently bee to y^e : prejudice of our R^tt : Hon^ble : Employers w^ch : wee are soe farr from acting ; or anything Contrary to yo^r : orders ; that wee have given all due obedience thereto and our greatest Zeal hath not been wanting to [promote] their Interest, but Since you are pleased not to Esteeme it soe (at w^ch : wee are not a little Concern'd to find it soe coldly resented) wee have Sent for the Merch^ts : and acquainted them therew^th : who return'd for answere that they would not oblige us to anything that you should judge was not to y^e : R^tt : hon^ble : Comp^as : advantage, therefore you might if you pleas'd disanull what had been agreed upon w^th : [them] desireing not to discourse any thing further as to y^e : Interest and abatement on y^e : Europe goods, for they could not conceed to any other Conditions then what already done, to w^ch : Return'd them for answere that wee would write you about it, and according as you should order proceed Soe that now you are your own Choice either to Confirme or disanull what you are pleased to Esteem to be soe ill done, w^ch : wee confidently beleive you will Confirme, for many reasons, and not that you cannot Remedy itt, and then wee hope there will bee noe further occasion of Complaints on our parts, and for y^e : abatements on y^e : Europe Goods, w^ch : you are pleas'd to turne off upon us (excuseing those that are really in y^e : fault) as an ill President from hence, indeed its noe Such thing under y^e : Rose be itt w^th : Submission spoaken) for wee had it from Conimeer, upon the Conditions of w^ch : place wee were obliged by yo^r : orders to Contract, w^ch : wee have not in any thing exceeded, exceept [*sic*] as to matter of amo^t : w^ch : thought might have been well accepted, being soe much upon Creditt but if it bee not you may please to reduce it to what you will and as for y^e : Interest wee think it very reasonable, for if you please to furnish us w^th : any money bee it to y^e : amo^t : of Pag^as : 10000 or 20000, wee will engage you shall have 15 ℔ Cent ℔ anñ w^th : what reasonable Security you can desire w^ch : is $\frac{2}{3}$ parts more thenyou are obliged to pay on y^e : R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : acco^t : and hope you will not bee soe unkind to multiply our faults to a greater Number then really they are, in w^ch : think you have been too Severe, but accuse those that are venall of w^ch : presume there is noe other, and since wee cannot merritt your ffavour (w^ch : is y^e : only thing that troubles us at present) desire you will doe us that Justice as to lay y^e : Saddle on y^e : R^tt : horses back, as to matter of y^e : disposeing y^e : Europe goods att under rate, for wee finde wee have enough to doe to answere for our owne actions (therefore desire not y^e : trouble of other mens) w^ch : hope you have not reason to Question either as to fidelity or abillity ; but if you have you are Judges thereof at present and doubt not but your Justice will bee impartiall.

If you please to Confirm our Contract, desire you will send us to y^e : amo^t : of Pag^as : 30000 : in Europe goods at y^e : prices of Conimeer w^ch : is what wee shall have occasion for, but if you doe not there will be none, and wee doe beleive it will bee a hard matter, as M^r : Wilcox writes you (who had done w[e]ll to have Considered it before to late, and not to Shuffle it of on other men of sound reason as you are) ever to retreive y^e : Loss of the abatement made thereon, as for

your orders no wayes relateing to Porto Novo, there was no exception made, therefore taken in a Generall Sence, Relateing as well to that place as this, and if you please to Consider them, you will find they were to conclude on y^e^: Same Conditions as here, for w^ch^: reason did it w^th^: [out] giveing you further trouble therein, but beleive if you dislike [it] thereof, the Merchants will conceed to y^e^: Same our Merch^ts^: have done here, and then [all] will bee well as to that, wee observe what you write as to y^e^: paying of Interest, there will bee noe occasion for it by w^ch^: perceive you [intended] noe money when you have itt, if y^e^: Merch^ts^: take off Pag^as^: 60000: here and there, w^ch^: y^e^: will Certainly doe, but if the[y] find no money paid them at y^e^: time agreed for, they will Returne what shall remaine of them againe, w^ch^: you may beleive will bee y^e^: greatest part for it is not that that invites them to trade w^th^: us but y^e^: money, tho y^e^: vent of them bee a sufficient encouragement to us w^ch^: in reason cannot refuse to receive, the Conditions of our agreement being for Such an amount in money and goods and if wee doe not performe on our part, cannot expect they should on theirs being men of Sence & reason as well as those they have to deal w^th^.

Wee doe not well understand what you mean as to bringing up new Customes about M^r^: Cawleys bussiness (except it bee to allow him y^e^: benifitt of our R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Employers Service when hee dos nothing for it, and indeed never did to deserve it, but wee must leave you to bee Judges of that and hope you will please to Excuse our ffreedome) therefore shall waite yo^r^: further orders about it.

The Packing Stuff ℔ Sloop James have received for w^ch^: shall Creditt your acco^t^: Curr^tt^: when you shall please to advice y^e^: amount.

Wee Observe what you are pleas'd to advice as to y^e^: Soldiers wee desired of you, that there will bee no occasion for them when our goods are Shipt, Soe that it matters not what becomes of us but you may please to Consider that our Lives & fortunes are not Less Deare to us then other mens to them, of w^ch^: noe care is wanting to preserve and hope you will have y^e^: Same care & regard to ours otherwise wee must have it for our Selves in not Exposing them to a great danger, for w^ch^: possibly may have no other thanks for our paines, that you are Sorry for y^e^: ill accident befallen us, when to late to remedy it w^ch^: might bee done in time, and you may please to beleive y^e^: danger wee are in, is not soe little as not to bee worthy your notice takeing, for some dayes Since not above four miles from this place a publick Roberry was committed to a Considerable amo^t^: w^ch^: has half Scared y^e^: Countrey people out of their witts, and what Soldiers wee had entertain'd upon their desire was freed, soe that now wee have none of them.

M^r^: Davis takes notice of what you are pleased to advice as to M^r^: Cawleys bussiness w^th^: him w^th^: w^ch^: hee must bee contented Since cannot hee bee otherwise.

The fourth Curr^tt^: orderd M^r^: Bullock to proceed towards us w^th^: his Sloop Mary from Porto Novo; on whome shall Lade what Bales wee have in a readiness as Soone as shee arrives: and dispatch her for Conimeer to bee laden on the Shrewsbury of whome have advice of her arrivall there yesterday but fear the winds blowing soe Strong from y^e^: Northward y^e^: Sloop will not bee able to fetch it in any time, in Such case the Ship must proceed heither, for whome y^e^: goods shall bee ready to Clap on board as Soone as Shee arrives, and Shee immediatly dispatch'd, wee shall observe yo^r^: orders in sending our own Bill of Ladeing & Invoice, and bringing y^e^: amo^t^: thereof into yours w^ch^: w^th^: the Conimeer papers Shall if occasion bee, bee directed under Covert to our R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Employers, according to yo^r^: directions, & shall afterward forward you Coppy of our Invoice and if y^e^: Sloop doe not proceed for Conimeer shall lade y^e^: allume and what else wee can gett and dispatch her toward you.

M^r^: Davis and M^r^: Wilson desireing to bee excused takeing there passage on her being little accomodacon and Know not how long they may bee before y^e^: fetch y^e^: Fort if y^e^: winds should prove Contrary, and as for there traveling Charges think it but reasonable M^r^: Cawley pay that if hee bee found faulty, hee being y^e^: occasion, wee call not more to mind at present, but shall at our departure

recommend the Charge of the R^tt^ :Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Factorys and Concernes to M^r^ : Ingram as you are pleas'd to direct, soe crave leave to Subscribe.

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Yo^r^ : Most humble & Obedient Servant

JOHN DAVIS.
CHRIS: WILSON.

P.S.

Since writeing y^e^ : foregoing have Receˉd yo^rs^ : of y^e^ : 4^th^ : Curr^tt^ : and shall punctually observe yo^r^ : directions therein for y^e^ : dispatch of the Shrewsbury if occasion require w^ch^ : done and our affaires Settled shall proceed towards you w^ch^ : hope may bee by y^e^ : 20^th^ : Curr^tt^ : at furthest (God permitting) M^r^ : Griffith being much indisposed and noe remedy for him here humbly intreats you will please to permitt him Liberty to come to y^e^ ; Fort.

Idm.
J: D.
C: W.

CONIMEER THE 9^TH^ : FEBRUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$

TO THE HON^BLE^ : W^M^ : GYFFORD ESQ^R^ :
PRESIDENT &C^A^ : COUNCILL IN FORT S^T^ : GEORGE.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

Our last to you was dated y^e^ : 4^th^ : instant wherein wee promised a due and exact complyance w^th^ : all your orders, and that w^th^ ; all y^e^ : expedition and dispatch possible have Since accordingly performed our words, haveing taken ashoar all y^e^ : Europe Goods you sent us upon y^e^ : Shrewsbury and Laden 219 Bales of Callicoes and 12 baggs of Indicoe amount to Pag^as^ 22455 : 7 : 1 as ℔ y^e^ : inclosed coppie of our Invoice Sent upon her; wee could had wee Kept y^e^ : Ship but 3 or 4 dayes longer have compleated all our bussiness, and laden y^e^ : full of our Contract. Our goods being all come in only want Sorting but yo^r^ : orders running all upon a quick dispatch, twas our duty to obey and not run y^e^ : hazard of y^e^ : Ships Looseing her passage, for Small matter, accordingly therefore y^e^ : 8^th^ : instant y^e^ : Ship Sett Saile for Cudalour, to take in their goods there, and hope shee may meet w^th^ : as quick a dispatch from thence, for hearing that Sloops Mary & James were at Cudalour, wee wrott to M^r^ : Davis &c^a^ : Dated y^e^ : 4^th^ : Instant that wee thought it convenient, the Season being soe late that y^e^ : Sent their goods down hither upon Said Sloops, w^ch^ : they answered us, they concurd w^th^ : us in y^e^ : Same opinion, and that they would immediatly lade their bales upon Sloop Mary and send her down hither, but if y^e^ : winds did not permitt, Shee would bee there ready if y^e^ : Shrewsbur came to them to traverse them aboard her there, the 8^th^ : as before menˉconed wee had dispatch'd all our bussiness here, but noe Sloop appear'd tho : y^e^ : winds wee Judged might bee fair enough to bring her down for this day a vessell being out at Sea as far as Pullicherry before dinner Shee was almost as far as Marracan to y^e^ : Northward upon w^ch^ : acco^t^ : wee could not dare to Keep y^e^ : Shrewsbury any longer but y^e^ ; Cap^ta^ : being desireous of it, hee Sett Sail as afores^d^ : for Cudalour, wee presume hee will find things in a readiness for him when hee comes there, but had the Sloop come down hither, more of our own possible our whole Contract, besides y^e^ : Cudalour Goods had

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been Laden upon him; but Cap^{ta}: Alford at this late Season of y^{e}: year could not Stay for y^{e}: uncertaine arrivall of y^{e}: Sloop, M^{r}: Holcombe according to yo^{r}: orders is gon to Cudalour, and has carryed y^{e}: Coppie of yo^{r}: orders along wth: him to prevent [mistakes] tho: wee have already added y^{e}: amo^{t}: of our Invoice to yo^{rs}: Our Letter to y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: (Coppie of w^{ch}: goes inclosed for yo^{r}: perusall) wth: our Invoice & Bill of Ladeing, wee have Seal'd up & deliver'd wth: yo^{r}: General Pacquett of particular letters to Cap^{ta}: Alford, but your Bill of ladeing & y^{e}: Cudalour Bill of Ladeing wth: yo^{r}: Invoice wee have deliverd open to M^{r}: Holcombe, that they may likewise add y^{e}: amo^{t}: of their Invoice to yours & afterwards make them all up together.

Wee finde great damage in most of y^{e}: Copper Chests, being Many broaken, and some of the nailes fallen out, as likewise some of y^{e}: Cask of Allum & Brimstone it being soe late wee had noe time to examine & weigh them off, wee deny'd y^{e}: delivery up of our Bill of Ladeing, w^{ch}: put Cap^{ta}: Alford upon y^{e}: frett insomuch as telling us hee could not expect such usage for his good Service to y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: in Staying soe long beyond his Charter party wth: all telling us wee might doe as wee pleas'd but as for himself hee would Signe to us noe Bill of Ladeing, for y^{e}: goods wee had laden upon him, wee told him there was no reason wee should suffer by it, for hee very well Knew y^{e}: Copper Chests &c^{a}: were most of them damaged, and if wee deliver'd up his bill of Ladeing wee were lyable tomake good y^{e}: damage. Upon w^{ch}: hee promised to give us in a Certificate that y^{e}: said Chests &c^{a}: were soe damaged when delivered to us wee were at last forced to accept of this, else to have weigh'd and examin'd all & kept y^{e}: Ship here twould have Certainly overthrown y^{e}: voyage. Coppy of the Cap^{ta}: Certificate goes herewth: inclosed.

A vessell comeing into Pullicherry Road wth: English Colours Cap^{ta}: Batten wth: a Sloop rideing at Anchor there: examin'd her, and accordingly made prize of her; wee Supposing shee might have never a pass the Cap^{ta}: of her makes his Escape ashoar and falls at y^{e}: feet of y^{e}: ffrench Directore there makes his complaint w^{ch}: y^{e}: Compassionate Mounsieur as readily hears; and then immediatly as wee hear writes away a letter of complaint to your Selves; another to y^{e}: Serree Subidar and another to Amboje Pontulo and at y^{e}: Same time in a great huffe Sends off Powder and Shott, wth: all y^{e}: ffrench force they could make aboard a Small Sloop they have there, and are resolved to Seize upon y^{e}: Concord as Shee passes by to y^{e}: Southward; this Sloop w^{ch}: Cap^{ta}: Batten took wee hear came from Tenassaree; and had 100 Chests of Copper on board her; wee keep y^{e}: Concord here till yo^{r}: farther order w^{ch}: being affaire worthy your notice thought convenient to advice of it; and this being all of an import at present; wee respectfully conclude these remaining.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: Most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.

No. 62. I Robert Alford at present Master of y^{e}: good Ship Shrewsbury of London now in Conimeer Road doe Certifie to all persons whom it may Concerne; whereas amongst other things there was Laden at Fort S^{t}: George by y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford President &c^{a}: Councell there; one hundred Eighty one Chests s^{d}: to bee Japan Copper for acco^{t}: of y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: as ℔ Bill of Ladeing dated y^{e}: 13th: January last past that Severall of y^{e}: s^{d}: Chests were very rotten and y^{e}: nailes soe decay'd and eaten wth: rust that some of them fell open on board s^{d}: Shipp and were carefully nailed up againe there wth: out any Loss or prejudice to s^{d}: goods to y^{e}: best of my Knowledge or beleife as alsoe Some others broaken in putting into y^{e}: Boates w^{ch}: carryed them to shoar and in Landing on y^{e}: Shoar as alsoe that severall of y^{e}: Cask of Brimstone and Allum w^{ch}: were traversed from on board y^{e}: Josiah were very much broaken before they were rec$\tilde{e}$d on board S^{d}: Ship Shrewsbury, in soe much that could hardly gett them into s^{d}: Shipp wth: out

breaking all to peeces nither would have recēd any such goods on board but for dispatch at the Juncture of time in Consideracon of y^e^ : Season of the year was soe far Spent that would not admit of such disputes and exceptions as might bee made against them w^th^ : out great Loss of time and all y^e^ : truth of what is above Certified I doe declare to bee reall & Just & would have Excepted against them on Records but for Expedicon & this I doe declare freely for Justificacon of all persons Concerned here or else where ; as wittness my hand dated in Conimeer this 8^th^ : day of February 168$\frac{6}{7}$

Wittnessed by us
JAMES GRUDGFIELD.
WILLIAM HARRIS.
JOHN PRICE.

ROBERT ALFORD.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT FOR THE FORT. No. 63.

No.
1. Copie of Conimeer Generall to y^e^ : R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^.
2. Conimeer Generall to y^e^ : Fort.
3. Duplicate of Ship Shrewsbury Invoice for England.
4. Ship Shrewsburys 2 bills of Lading.
5. Cap^ta^ : Alfords Certificate.

Tis two houres Since there anchor'd in Pullicherry Road a Small vessell of the King of Syams y^e^ : w^ch^ : was dispatched from Mergin to bring us Some Letters from Some office wee have in Syam & Some other particular persons ; wee were much amaized when in y^e^ : time y^e^ : Pilott came ashoar : a Sloop of one of yo^r^ ; hon^rs^ : Shipps at Anchor before Conimeer came full of people & laide y^e^ : s^d^ : vessell on board w^ch^ : Considering that shee was at anchor under our fflagg or nott ; she came here in our Comp^as^ : Service wee cannot beleive ; (Seeing there is soe good a Correspondency between our two nations as well in Europe as in India) that this accon should bee done by yo^r^ : hon^rs^ : order ; wee hope that from thence you'l please to Informe us hereof ; the vessell wee Speak of is not armed for warr not haveing more then 6 men in her and Sixty Chests of Copper w^ch^ : M^r^ : Samuell White Sent to S^r^ : Delandres to adjust Some acco^ts^ : w^ch^ : are between them ; God Keep yo^r^ : hon^r^ Pullicherry 17^th^ : February 1687. No. 64.

Your Honours
Much humble & assured Servants
MARTIN.
DELANDRES.

S^R^ : WILLIAM GYFFORD.

Honoured S^r^ :

From aboard y^e^ : Saphire Riding in Trincomala [Jany^ry^ :] 19^th^ 1686.

These are to lett you understand that Since I came here I have Sent you two Letters y^e^ : first was of my arrivall here y^e^ : Second was of two Mores Ships w^ch^ : came to this place y^e^ : w^ch^ : I hope you have recēd, and the beginning of January I began to fitt my Ship being [in] hopes that this full moon I should have y^e^ : Curr^t^ : Sett to y^e^ : Northward and to have had a variable wind but find y^e^ : wind continue between y^e^ : No^th^ : & N. E^t^ : and hearing by meh that came from y^e^ : [maine] that the Curr^tt^ : Sett to y^e^ : So^th^ : ward soe that I cannot come for here is a Ship that belongs to y^e^ : King of Syam Cap^ta^ : Lashley Commander hee being a Ship of 22 [Guns] and man'd y^e^ : most part w^th^ : Europeans and that hee is a Clear Ship and has not anything in but Ballast, his Company of men are about 50 or 60 : and will Ship all No. 65.

men hee can meet w^th^; and that hee Sent his mate to Madrass to fetch his Sister w^ch^: came over in the Nath^ll^: where as far as I can gett out of him that as soon as his mate return'd to Pullicherry where his Ship rode her did not Stay long there w^ch^: makes mee fear him for should hee bee as hee reports hee is one of y^e^: King of Syams Ships; yett understanding Likewise that the English have warrs w^th^: most part of India Leaves mee in Suspence what to doe considering that y^e^: warrs may Extend to y^e^: Prince hee belongs to, and should bee soe I am not able to maintaine it against him, but should it not bee as I imagin yett y^e^: variety of his discourses and actions is enough to raise Objections, and is ground enough for Suspicion Likewise hee has a Ship in his Company but has man'd her w^th^: his men his Leivftenant being Commander, shee has no Guns and is thought to bee his prize being full Laden w^th^: Sapan wood y^e^: Dut[c]h think her to bee a Moors Ship w^ch^: his men Seem not to deny Saying that the King of Syam has warrs w^th^: the Moores; what to doe in this case I Know not but humbly begg yo^r^: hon^r^: will answere these lines and order what I shall doe till w^ch^: time I designe to remaine here, there being Little hopes of an alteracõn of winds w^ch^: blows now fresh at No. E^t^: & N. W^t^: and as fishing men report the Stream runns Strong to the So^th^: ward.

I have noe more to present to yo^r^: honour but my humble Service I Subscribe.

Your Honours Humble Servant
STEVEN BRADLY.

CUDALOAR Y^E^: 12^TH^ FEBRUARY 168$/7.

To THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCELL
IN FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

No. 66. Haveing none of yo^rs^: to answere this Serves to advice you [that] y^e^: 8^th^ Curr^tt^: arrived in this road y^e^: Rebecca Friggott Cap^ta^: Thomas Batten Commanded from Pullicherry in w^ch^: road hee made prize of a Sloop Supposed to belong to y^e^: King of Syam being taken under his Collours on board of whome is Copper and what else wee Know not haveing noe particular acco^t^: from the Cap^ta^: who w^th^: y^e^: s^d^: Sloop Sayled out of this road the 11^th^ ditto for Trincomala where hee had notice the King of Syams Shipps are; wee have therefore upon his request taken ashoar what goods hee thought convenient to land for y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: acco^t^: that soe hee might bee a clear Ship the better to Effect his designe in Seazing y^e^: King of Syams Ships.

The 9^th^ ditto arrived in this road the Ship Shrewsbury from Conimeer by whom received yo^r^: Pacquett w^th^; theires to y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: and your Invoice to w^ch^: have added the amo^t^: of our own w^ch^: w^th^: our bill of Ladeing & afores^d^: Pacquets were forwarded to our R^tt^: hon^ble^: Employers y^e^: 10^th^: Ditto when y^e^: Ship was dispatch^d^: haveing laden on board her 119 bales and 74 baggs of Indicoe w^ch^: is what wee had in a readiness and closed your Invoice & our papers according to directions and Shall ℔ next remitt y^e^: Coppie of our Invoice.

Wee have had a Sight of the Reflections our friends has cast on us at Conimeer in one of their late Generalls to you w^ch^: wee have noe wayes deserved from them therefore think ourSelves obliged in vindicacõn of our Reputacõn to give reply thereto w^ch^: wee shall doe as Soon as wee have Satisfied ourSelves in Some things and leave you to bee Judges thereof w^ch^: w^th^: our humble respects is the needfull: Soe Crave leave to Subscribe.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: Most humble & Obedient
Servants
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Wee have taken Coppy of Mr Ingrams answere to Mr: Cawleys Charge against us; but doe not find [one]word in reply to our answr: to it and Charge against him; which wee thought you would have been soe Kind as to have required that soe hee might have bore testimmony (as well for as hee is in what offerd) as against us, in declareing the truth of what hee Knowes.

Yr: Most humble & obd: Servants.

JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHRISTOPHER WILSON.

CADALOUR FEBRUARY YE 9TH: 168⅞.

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR &CA COUNCELL AT FORT ST GEORGE.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

No. 67. Since my comeing from Trincumbar I happyned into ye: Road of Pully Cherry where I Lay by reason of contrary winds 24 howers & then gott half way to Conimeer where ye: 7th: ditto passed by a Small Sloop under ye: King of Siams Colours (Vizt: all redd) and Kept wth: out Shott of ye: Ship & I sending my boat to her shee could not fetch her; & soe come on board againe; & then I immediatly man'd my boat wth: 12 men well armed and sent her againe after; but before they could take her, shee was gott into Pully Cherry Road; where our boate laid her on board ye: Master (Edward Salter) being gone on shoare wth: a Pacquet of Letters and soe I made prize of her, Shee being wth: out pass; and that ye: Suraingа sd: that shee did belong to ye: King of Syam, and that they were Sent wth: Letters to Capta: Leslie and had on board of them about 50 Chests of Copper wch I shall endeavour to bring to yor: honr: &ca: and prove her a lawfull Prize; by Shewing ye: King of Syams Colours I doe likewise heare that Capta: Leslie in ye: Resolucon, is at Trincumala on Zelone ye: wch: in obeyance to your orders am now resolved to persue thither & in order thereto have put on shoar here into Mr: Davis his Custody soe many of ye: Rtt: Honble: Compas: Coyles of Ropes as may clear my Ship for ye: purpose; & by the Grace of God doe not question but a good prize for ye: Compa: all ye: Letters I found on board her I have Sent inclosed to yor: honr: &ca: Except a Journall of the Masters wch; I Keep by mee till I come to yor: honr: &ca: I hope my long absence from your honr: &ca: will bee Crowned wth: advantage to ye: Rtt: Honble: Compa if I meet wth: ye: premenconed; I being very ambitious to advance there Interest who is theirs &

Yor: honrs: &ca:
Most Humble Servant
THOMAS BATTEN.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQR:

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR: FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RTT: HONBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA: ON YE: COAST OF CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGAL &CA: COUNCELL.

Honourable &ca: Councell

No. 68. By order of ye: Rtt: Worpll: Agent and Councell wee have laden of the Ship Princes 250 Baggs of Salt Petree ffine [on] accot: the Rtt: Honble: Compa: whose Invoice and bill of Ladeing comes here wth: wee wish a Safe passage and remaine.

Ballasore, January 10th 168⅞.

Honourable &ca: Councell
Your Most humble Servants
RICHARD TRENCHFEILD.
HENRY STANLEY.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE y^{E} : 16TH FEBRUARY 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

Gentlemen

No. 69. On y^{e} : 5th instant by M^{r} : Gray & M^{r} : Higginson I received your message that yee could not grant mee Licence by y^{e} : then Shipping to take my passage for England what ever might bee hearafter; but if I could find Security to bee at a call that then I might bee Releas'd from y^{e} : Confinement in y^{e} : Fort.

My answere I presume they did report; I did promise myself some returne to what I said; and being what I pressed as to my goeing to England was refused & y^{e} : Ships are departed I must wth : patience expect what y^{e}: future shall produce; but now doe desire to bee released from y^{e} : present Confinement I being ready to give the greatest Security I am capable to bee ready at your call other yee [*sic*] all Know is not in my power and I think I would not break my bare word for noe sort of advantage, I doe promise myself that this Request will not bee thought unreasonable and that your ready complyance will give mee the oppertunity of owneing mySelf.

Gentlemen

Your Obliged humble Servant

THOMAS DAVIES.

TO THE H^{ONBLE} : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :

PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE &C^{A} : COUNCELL

Hon^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a}.

No. 70. Wee now reply to yo^{r} : hon^{r} : of date the 17th past the Hon^{ble} : Presidents Letter to this twone [*sic*] Govern^{r} : Soe Soone as received dispatched to him ℔ Mauldarr two dayes Since came his answere w^{ch} : goes herewth.

The Cheife &c^{a} : Councell of Metchlepatam has Supplyed y^{e} : Factory for Expences wth : Pag^{as}: 500 for w^{ch} : shall Creditt acco^{t} : Curr^{tt}: Fort S^{t} George; tho not Sufficient to discharge the arrears unless a further Supply w^{ch} : intreat may bee remitted Our Creditt in this place being but Low (the Merch^{ts}: refuseing) tho press'd to it wth : Strong arguments to lend any money for our present occasion.

Our Investment is Still backward not as yett on p^{s} : of cloth sorted and when brought in the Season of y^{e} : year past for its Transport to y^{e} : Fort; soe must awaite yo^{r} further pleasures how to Governe our Selves in this affaire.

[Wee] have dayly and frequently urged our Merchants to a due complyance tho to Small purpose they Still insisting that the hand of the almighty has been a great disapointment most of their weavers and others concern'd Suffered death ℔ y^{e} : ffamine.

Wee are not much Streightned for Provisions at present; being lately Releiv'd by y^{e} : Gentlemen att Metchlepatam therefore John Littleton and W^{m} : Proby designes their Stay here ℔ reason y^{e} : backwardness of the Investment till your Second orders; and then shall act accordingly.

You instance at John Littletons leaving y^{e} : Factory that the Peons Save Six should bee turn'd off and our valluable remains sent to Madapollam but now not to bee done the Southerly Monsoon being Sett in soe that can't bee furnished wth : Boates from Metchlepatam or thence for their Transport wherefore humbly presume it may bee necessarie that one white may of the Comp^{as} : Servants reside upon the place.

Wee have communicated what you write about the prizes of the Europe Goods to our Merch^{ts} : who are Still dissatisfied therein, but notwth : Standing their discontent shall oblige them to take them off at the prices menc̃oned in yours of 6th September.

The Acco^{t}: of the Factors Provissions wee own'd y^{e} : receipt off in our last and have given acco^{t} : Curr^{tt} : Fort S^{t} : George Creditt for them w^{ch} : wth : most obedient servis presented conclude.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Your Most humble Servants

JOHN LITTLETON.

WILLIAM SHALES.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD FROM BAWMAWRAWSAW VERONA GOVERNR OF PETTIPOLLEE AND OTHER ADJACENT PLACES RECED YE 18th FEBRY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

I enjoy my health and wish to hear of your honrs: the Letter your honr: Sent I have perused wherein I observe what your honr writes Concerning ye: Screptore ye: Cheife of Pettipolle lost in his way hither in Yantapollam wherein you would have mee make inquiry after it yor: honr: need not doubted my dilligence therein for on ye: Same instant I heard of its Loss I caused dilligent Search and enquiry to bee made but as yett cant hear ye: least Sillable of it; by reason of ye: famine wth: your honr: is Sencible of; these are very dangerous times for theives people not vallueing authority or punishmt: by reason ye: intimacy twixt your honr: and mee I have been very dilligent in my Search and inquire about said Screptore and as yett have not given over if I can but in ye: least [perceive] how it went I will certainly cause the money to bee restored wch: Mr: Littleton is Sencible of; [please to] Continue your honrs: ffavours to mee and alwayes lett mee hear of your honrs: health. No. 71.

CUDALOUR FEBRUARY THE 17TH 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONBLE WM GYFFORD ESQR
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR &cA COUNCELL AT FORT ST GEORGE &cA:

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Since my last from this place of ye: 9th: instant I have endeavour'd to Effect my designe in ye: persute of Captn: Leslie to Trincumala & gott into ye: Lattitude 10d: 30m: & there being out of Soundings meeting wth: Calmes & Soth: Et: winds & Nº:ly Streams was driven into 11d; 30m: where yesterday morning wee was close by a ship wch: wee chased all day and indeed did really beleive her to bee ye: Ship wee looked for but my Ship not being able to come up wth: her I man'd my boats and Sloop & Sent to her wch: proved to bee a ship from ye: Moneelaes belonging to Porto Novo & bound their upon wch: was passengers Mr: Gyfford and his wife from Syam this Chaseing brought us in Sight of Porto Novo where the winds hanging S.Et: & Nº: ly Streams I dispared of my prementioned voyage and bore up for this place where I am takeing in those things I putt ashoar; and soe resolve God willing to bee comeing to your honr: &ca: by all oppertunities being very desireous to See yor: honr: &ca: hopeing and depending upon yor: good Constructions of my long absence being very weary of this Coasting Except my Ship were cleane & fitted for itt this being all at present from. No. 72

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your Most humble Servant
THOMAS BATTEN.

TRANSLATE OF A LRE FROM YE DIRECTORE GENERALL &cA FOR YE FRENCH AFFAIRES IN PULLYCHERRY TO YE HONBLE PRESIDENT.

Wee are obliged for ye: honr: of yor: Letter of ye: 11/21th: Currtt: and of the assurance you give us on your own &ca: Councells behalf of ye: Continuance of a good Correspondence wch: is soe Strongly Established in Europe between our two nations; in all wch wee shall not bee wanting on our part. No. 73.

Wee hope that yor: honr is informed of ye: Circumstances of that accon of takeing the Small vessell of ye King of Syams in this Road for that wee have wrote to yor: honr: &ca: Councill the truth of it wee have alsoe adviced to Tenassery & Syam by these two Ships of those parts wch: anchored in this Road the last month; and have desired the officers that Govern in these places that they should not Send their Ships to this Port but to [Shun] it by all manner of wayes if they desire a Continuacon of our ffriendship; Soe that when those Ships arrive at Tenasserry there is noe appearance that any Ships for ye: future will come from thence to this Port. Wee have not here ye: articles of peace & Commerce between

England & ffranch; but wee have those articles of Commerce w^ch^ : was made after y^e^ : late warrs between ffrance & Holland, and wee beleive there is in them some thing that might also have been Treated of between the Kings o^r^ : Sovereigns and this is y^e^ : Sence of our article w^ch^ : is very essentiall Viz^t^ : That any ffrench Ship haveing y^e^ : Kings Commission Laden wholly or in part by any nation w^th^ : whome y^e^ : StatesGenerall are at Warr that ship shall not bee Stopped by y^e^ : Ships of that Commonwealth, nor the Cargoe to bee made prize, except they shall bee found or Known to bee Contraband Goods likewise any goods belonging to y^e^ : ffrench Laden on a Ship or Ships of any Nation w^th^ : whome y^e^ : Dutch have warr not w^th^ : standing that nation is allyed w^th^ : France these ship being taken by y^e^ : Estates; the Effects cannot bee recovered, but shall bee adjudged and Condemned as Lawfull prize; These articles are reciprocall between our King & that Commonwealth and your hon^r^ may see that wee acknowledge these things w^th^:out any ffriction not w^th^ : Standing they are against us; for if there bee y^e^ : same articles of Commerce between y^e^ : Kings our Sovereigns as between ffranch and Holland: wee cannot recover y^e^ : 60 Chests of Copper Since they were taken on a vessell belonging to y^e^ : King of Syam w^th^ : whom y^e^ : most Serene King of England hath declared warr; all that wee can Represent to your hon^r^ : is y^e^ : acc̃ons that was Committed under y^e^ : uncertainty of the articles between our two Sovereigns & that it Seems to us that 2 Nations Strictly united and allyed are obliged (though by nothing elce) yett for Courtesy Sake, and this is also usually practiced; to Keep reciprocall measures between one another and to have particular Consideraẽons not to hurt y^e^ : Ships though of an Enimy when that come to anchor under our fflaggs and yett further wee must declare that wee had no advice of any warr between yo^r^ : hon^r^ : and y^e^ : King of Syam; and for that action of takeing y^e^ : vessell in our Road; it should Seem by y^e^ : union & good understanding that is between our two nations (w^th^ : yo^r^ : hon^rs^ : leave) that you should take of y^e^ : affront w^ch^ : wee have received on this occasion; and when anything offers in yo^r^ : hon^rs^ : Service, wee shall not bee wanting to performe it w^th^ : affection & respect as wee ought; God Keep you, dated in Pullicherry, the 27^th^ : ffebru^ry^ : NewStil[e] 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Your hon^rs^
Most assured Servants
MARTIN.
DELANDRESS.

CUDALOUR Y^E^ : 18^TH^ : FEBRUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^BLE^ W^M^ GYFFORD ESQ^R^
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^ &C^A^ : COUNCELL IN FORT S^T^ : GEORGE.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &^ca^ :

No. 74

Our last was of y^e^ : 7^th^ : and 12^th^ : Curr^tt^ : in w^ch^ : adviced you y^e^ : needfull as to affaires here : to w^ch^ : desire you will please to bee refer'd [with &] therefore Serves for Covert of the Shrewsburys Invoice : and to acquaint you that according to yo^r^ : order for M^r^ : Davis, and M^r^ : Wilsons proceeding to the ffort : they have this day taken their passage on board the Rebecca Friggott who arrived here yesterday morning not being able to Effect his designe for Trincumala : by reason of Contrary winds and Curr^ts^ : haveing according to yo^r^ : order recommended to the care of M^r^ : Ingram the Charge of y^e^ ; R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Factorys and Concernes : w^ch^ : were deliver'd to him and papers relateing thereunto and ordered to Endeavour to procure ffreight for Sloop Mary and fitt Sloop James w^th^ : what necessaries but in case no ffreight procurable for Sloop Mary; then to lade the Allum on board her and dispatch her for the ffort and to follow your further orders Concerning the Sloop James you may pleas to Consider wee have not received any money from you Since September last and are at this present indebted little Less then pag^as^ : 20000 to o^r^ : Merch^ts^ : here and at Porto Novo w^th^ : whom our Creditts will goe no further all things being att a Stand in our

affaires till yo^{r}: further order: and o^{r}: Cash Ballanced and not one farthing to pay our Servants for the last and this month nor for the necessary Expences of the house: therefore humbly entreat you will please to Supply us w^{ch}: wth: our humble respects is the needfull from.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble & obedient Servants,
JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHRIS: WILSON.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM SANGANAH & MADAPAH AT CONJEVEROM DATED Y^{E}: 20TH: FEBRUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$ TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD PRESIDENT OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}:

No. 75. Wee Enjoy health & would bee glad to hear y^{e}: like of your hon^{r}: his Excellency PassNury Ancona being arrived here hath informed us that haveing written Severall kinds to yo^{r}: hon^{r}: about the Payment of two years Rent of Madrass your hon^{r}: hath thereto given him very slight answeres & hath now Commanded us to write to your hon^{r}: & press very Earnestly y^{e}: payment of y^{e}: above s^{d}: money hee haveing great occasion for it: and that wth y^{e}: S^{d}: money yo^{r}: hon^{r}: would send some person of worth to Converse wth: his Excellency w^{ch}: would bee very Satisfactory to him and Ingage him to any furtherance of yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: affaires w^{ch}: wee likewise will assist as much as possible & Knowing your hon^{rs}: wisdome & understanding to bee great wee need not Enlarge but Subscribe.

Your Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}:

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM HARJEE MAIORAJEW TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD FROM TRIMNAWMALLAH OF NOE DATE RECEIVED Y^{E}: 24TH: FEBRUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

No. 76. I injoy my hea[l]th and am glad to hear of yo^{r} hon^{rs}: I understand that by reason of the uncertainty of y^{e}: times yo^{r}: hon^{r}: donte drive y^{e}: trade as formerly. that bee y^{e}: reason I presume theirs noe occasion for it I would have yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: lay aside all Such thoughts and drive a great trade as formerly there are Somethings w^{ch}: I have ordered Gopall punditt to doe for your Convenience w^{ch}: you need not doubt of the performance of: I would have you bee sattisfyed and manage yo^{r}: affaires wth: increase to yo^{r}: owne Sattisfaction.

CUDALOOR Y^{E} 22ND FEBRUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

May it please yo^{r}: Hon^{r}:

No. 77. This is y^{e}: first oppertunity I have had Since came from Amoy to advice yo^{r}: hon^{r}: of y^{e}: ffatall accident [to] M^{r}: Sam^{ll}: Barron Viz^{t}: hee haveing accomplish'd that bussiness w^{ch}: occasion'd his Stay, for y^{e}: prevailing wth: y^{e}: Chinamen to Send Junck to Madrass and it being very much countenanc'd by y^{e}: Generall &c^{a}: great persons Incouraged the Merch^{ts}: soe highly that they Strove wth: one another to almost daggers drawing for preheminence in ffreighting upon her w^{ch}: [Ca]villing among them cost Severall dayes time Spent in Ladeing & unladeing for their Satisfaccon, M^{r}: Barron Continually pressing on them to expedicon: useing all the prevailing arguments Immaginable notwth: Standing what wth: y^{e}: vanity of their wayeons [*sic*] many offerings to him whome they Serve &c^{a}: Ceremonys us'd when proceeding on a voyage Especially this being deem'd an extraordinary one that it was y^{e}: 10th: December before they Resolv'd to Sayle w^{ch}: day Superstitiously pitch'd upon as a good and luckey day to Sett out but unhappyly proved the Contrary to y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: great prejudice.

That morning at 4 I went aboard y^{e}: Junck to acquaint M^{r}: Barron (who was there wth: all his Concernes) that I purpos'd to weigh goe out soe farr as y^{e}: Channells mouth there come to an anchor w^{ch}: hee approv'd off & accordingly I did waiting her comeing then weigh'd and went out together wth: fair weather y^{e}: wind No^{ly}: a moderate gayl this was between 10 & 11 in y^{e}: forenoone; the junck Shee Kept in along Shoar wee Stood off a little about noone shee was abrest of Chincho River Moth: at w^{ch}: time it begun to blow hard & y^{e}: tyde of flood made Strong being a windward tyde Rais'd a great Sea more then shee was able to endure wth: her heavy ladeing they endeavoured to ware her but could not their Mainsaile hung overboard in y^{e}: water to Leeward in a Most careless manner all y^{e}: time Shee lying a meer Battery to y^{e}: Sea till shee foundred; were I Suppose in great Confusion as that Sort of people are when in danger being wth: out Government become uncapable of action had their Mainmast been cut by the board might have saved [her] in all probabillity, when shee was Sinking begun to turne over board good [s & Lumber] wee to Leeward of her about half a mile distant heard them give a Lamentable Shout as shee went down her hull was out of Sight Suddenly but y^{e}: heads of her masts discern'd about ½ an hower after.

I labour'd to y^{e}: outmost of my power to gett near them in their Extreemyty if by any means to Save M^{r}: Baron and those belonging to him. In order to w^{ch}: Sprung our Luff presently but could not Indure it y^{e}: Sea breaking in soe quick upon us were in danger of ffoundring before could ware our Ship againe being deep laden out of trim proveing Leakey wth: all were in great danger y^{e}: weather Increasing more & more y^{e}: Sea Rageing violently soe that I am affraid none Escap'd there were ffishing boats under the Shoar 3 or 4 at an Anchor but did not see them Still nor doe I beleive could come out Number of persons in y^{e}: Junke Chinamen upwards of 70: a Dutchman Pilot and a sea man one M^{r}: Meaks belonging to Mallacca old Senior Domingo together wth: their Serv^{ts}: Severall as for M^{r}: Baron that worthy Gentleman if hee bee gon as wth: out doubt hee is except by a wonderfull act of Providence preserv'd I dare bee bold to Say that his Zeal for y^{e}: promoting y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Interest in that place Ingaged him to act as hee did In hope of being Succesfull; as once it appear'd very promiseing thereby in Some measure answere yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: Expectac̃on. Certainly hee was a person to bee vallued for his worth from deserveing those Scurilous base aspertions of Cap^{ta}: Alfords in a letter sent ashoar at Mallacca (as hee pass'd by) that Baron was a Rogue & a Runn away moreover to y^{e}: Master of y^{e}: Dutch Sloop who came aboard the Shrewsbury Spoak soe Scandelously & reproachfully of him as tho hee had been y^{e}: greatest villain in y^{e}: world the Dutch were very inquisitive when arrived there about those railings to Know the Certainty but were Satisfied immediatly that all was falce when I lively described to them the nature & disposition of the Railer otherwise it had gon to Batavia for Truth, Soe his name to have Layn under that Severe Scandall undeserv'd through the envy of a Sordid Malevolent Spiritt Sure I am were M^{r}: Baron now alive to hear this Story the very Consideracon of it would Even Scare him to his grave I am affraid doe Trespass too much on yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: Patience Enlargeing at this rate therefore what further touching him Shall way [*sic*] att present till itt may please y^{e}: good providence to arrive mee at Madras w^{ch} Intend to bee my next Port from Porto Novo In y^{e}: mean time wishing all health & Prosperity to yo^{r}: hon^{r}: Remaine.

Honrd: S^{r}:
Your most humble ffaithf^{ll}:
& ever Obliged Servant
HENRY BURTON.

Hon^{d}: S^{r}:

It is reported that y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: has a Controversie wth: mee about the bringing Haggerston a Passinger in my Ship from the Coast of India I Suppose it proceeds only from Misinformacon given them from Surrat w^{ch}: I doe not att all vallue being Sufficiently well Satisfied of the wrong done mee & wth: all how little y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: will have to say to mee relating to that or any thing else that

I am altogether willing to go and appear before them to answere their Interrõgatorys if required but whether it bee or noe haveing Suffered already so much by illCensureing can bare it noe longer to live in continuall Snuff Resolve if God permitt by the very first Conveiance to take my passage for England In order to Cleare myself of that bussiness.

Yo^{r} : hon^{r} : Serv^{t} :
H.B.

MADAPOLLAM 27TH JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} : OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE &^{CA} : COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

Wee have laden upon this Boat Tandells name Ismattapille marked as ℔ margin and ffreight paid being for acco^{t} : of the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : English East India Comp^{a} wee desire you to receive of the owner Mungan Ella Pag^{as} : thirty as ℔ receipt enclosed haveing lent him soe much here this being what needfull at present wee most respectfully Remaine. No. 78.

Hon^{ble} : Srd : &c^{a} :
Your most humble and Obedient Servant
SAMUELL WALES.
RICHARD BREERETON.

ACHEEN Y^{E} 2ND : JANUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} :
PRESIDENT &C^{A} : COUNCILL IN FORT S^{T} : GEORGE.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

My last to you was of y^{e} : 29th : Ult^{o} : wherein I acquainted you wth : what had pastfrom o^{r} : leaveing Madrass till that date Since w^{ch} : Cap^{ta} : Goodlad endeavour'd to weigh from y^{e} : place where hee now Rides but was forc'd to lower all againe not being able to make any thing of it upon w^{ch} : hee came ashoar and discoursed y^{e} : bussiness (hee declared hee thought hee could not get y^{e} : Road) upon w^{ch} : wee came to this Resolucõn that twas most advantageous wee thought for y^{e} : R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : if wee unladed y^{e} : Cargoe from y^{e} : place where Shee now Rides being not above 5 Leagues distant from y^{e} : Port w^{ch} : M^{r} : Owen (being on board to look after y^{e} : R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Concernes there) approved off and accordingly wth : very much trouble wee procured Some boats and have brought ashoare [60] of y^{e} : best of them Slaves and most of the rest of the y^{e} : R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Ladeing y^{e} : Slaves Stick upon hands Selling very Slowly haveing disposed of but two of the best and they [indeed] went of [for 30] Tale each y^{e} : Charge I find to bee soe great dayly upon them that I am resolved to Sell them att once for what I can gett ; tis a pox'd and nasty Cargoe and most of them soe old and poor, by reason of a Tedious passage that they are fitter for the grave then sell ; by the great Providence Cap^{ta} : Calland^{r} : Commander wee had advice that hee parted wth : an Europe Ship call'd y^{e} : Priaman (about 10 dayes before) bound for the West Coast a[nd] Sumatra from England and in an ill Condition. No. 79.

Yesterday wee received y^{e} : news that the Deane had fought the Surrat man & takeing him. There shall bee noe care wanting in y^{e} : mannagement of the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : affaires that the Loyall Adventure may bee dispatched as soon as possible I am.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :
Yo^{r} : Most humble & faith^{ll} : Servant
JOHN PITT.

No. 80. To the Hon^ble : W^m : Gyfford Esq^r.
President and Governour &c^a : Council in Fort S^t : George.
Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

Since John Pitts last dated the 13^th : Instant Samuell Owen is arrived here (most of y^e : R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : Concernes being ashoar) but y^e : Slaves goe off Soe Slowly being very poor old & Over Run w^th : deseases that wee can give yo^r : hon^r : &c^a : noe hopes of a good voyage tho assure you shall use o^r : utmost endeavours to make y^e : best of a bad Markett.

Cap^ta : Rea in the Herbert arrived from Syam y^e : 15^th : Present who acquainted us that hee had about ffive hundred Tunns of Rice aboard and Ten Thousand Pounds in Dollers belonging to the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : w^ch : hee declared all on y^e : Owners acco^t : and pretends that they have the Priviledge by Charterparty to lade what they Please from Port to Port in y^e : Country upon Consideracon : that they have noe Demourage this being so unusuall a thing wee thought it Convenient to demand a Sight of his Charterparty w^ch : hee refused only Shewed us two Papers one of w^ch : was to advice w^th : any of y^e : R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : ffacto^rs : hee should meet w^th : In India they first haveing a Sight of his Charterparty; the other y^e : Bill of Lading whereby wee find y^e : Cargoe Consign'd to Cap^ta : Udall his Brother the Purser and one M^r : ffothergill who they left before their proceeding for Syam in a Sloop upon y^e : west Coast to Busk for Pepper against their R[e]turne.

Your hon^rs : &c^a : order to us being soe urgent for Rice and wee thinking it unreasonable that y^e : Owners Herbert should have Priviledge to lade soe great a Quantity and the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : Stock lye dead in the meantyme thought it necessary to Send Cap^ta : Rea a Letter y^e : Coppy comes enclosed, to w^ch : hee has promised to give us his answere in writing; but by Discourses wee have had w^th : him about it find him not willing to answere y^e : Contents alledging that his owners are at vast Charges and for all this Cargoe are like to bee great loosers by y^e : voyage tho hee has allready Promised us what wee Please at two Bamboos ℔ mace more then y^e : [market] price w^ch : is at present five w^ch : wee can by noe means Comply w^th : but hope by perswations to bring him to our Proposed tearmes.

A Small Ship arrived in y^e : Road a few dayes past who brought advices that a China Junck on w^ch : M^r : Barron was Designed for y^e : ffort founder'd in y^e : Sea and not one person Escaped they heard it by a Small vessell at Mallacca who was about a mile ahead of them when y^e : accident happyned w^ch : Soe Suddain and there was soe fresh a gaile that their endeavours to Save them were Insignificant; This is what offers at Present worth your notice; from

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Your very humble Servants
J. Pitt.
Samuell Owen.

ffeb : y^e : 3^d : 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

P.S.—Cap^ta : Rea has not yett answered our letter nor Complyed w^th : our Demands.
Idem
J.P.
S.O.

Atcheen ffactory January y^e : 22^th : 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Capta : Joseph Rea.

No. 81. Whereas the hon^ble : President and Councill of ffort S^t : George have Commissioned us to Proceed upon y^e : Ship Loyall Adventure for this place and after the disposall of the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : Concernes here to dispatch y^e : S^d : Ship for Quedda to procure a Ladeing of Rice for her they being in great necessity for a Supply for their Garrison there, [and] their Cheife designe of Employing y^e : s^d : Ship in these Parts is for Rice to gett it at one place or other, they as wee very well know being in soe great want of it.

To fullfill our orders therefore in all Respects upon yo^{r}: acquainting us that you have on board yo^{r}: Ship Herbert at Anchor now in this Road a Cargo of Rice to y^{e}: amo^{t}: of near ffive hundred Tuns wee therefore in behalfe of the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: desire of yo ua lading of the Same Rice for the Loyall Adventure w^{ch}: if you will agree to Please to place it to their acco^{t}: and wee shall give you our receipt for y^{e}: Same upon its being Laden on board the Loyall Adventure or if not So wee'll give you ready money for't at its Cost in Syam; upon yo^{r}; makeing up his acco^{t}: this is what wee thought Convenient to acquaint you wth; it being an affaire of that moment wherein you will serve the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for wee shall have by that means a Quick dispatch for Madrass wee Remaine.

S^{r}

Yo^{r}: Affectionate ffriends to Serve you

JOHN PITT.
SAMUELL OWEN.

CUDALOOR Y^{E}: 24TH: FEBRUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{rs}: &c^{a}:

Yours of the 15th: Curr^{tt}: came to hand y^{e}: 19th: accompanied wth: Pag^{as}: 1,000: ffor Factory Expences w^{ch}: shall husband according to order y^{e}: best I can; and Creditt yo^{r}: acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: for the Same. No. 82.

Sloop Mary as Soone as shee arrives here shall bee forwarded to Conimeer to take in y^{e}: Remainder of the Bales and y^{e}: James fitted wth: all expedic̃on.

The Porto Novo Merchants Say that when they made this last Contract they Obliged themselves to deliver their goods their (not wth:Standing y^{e}: great endeavours used of bringing them hither) soe they desire noe alterac̃on: may bee made therein; but when they make another they will endeavour to give all Content.

The Cudaloor Merch^{ts}: cannot engage for more but desire you will bee pleas'd to Supply them wth: money as Soon as you can for the better enabling them to performe they have already Contracted for.

As to the other Particulars of yo^{r}: Letter please to bee referred to my Cheife M^{r}: Davis who is wth: you [e]re this and can give you a better acco^{t}: then I can.

The fears of the Mogulls comeing into this Countrey is as great as formerly; soe that there is a necessity of being little more then ordinary prepared for our Security; Otherwise the Englishmen now here should not desire to Continue and if to bee yo^{r}: pleasure to Send us Portugueze insteed of them; your orders Concerning them shall bee duely observed by.

P.S.—Here is arrived y^{e}: Expectac̃on ffrigott Cap^{ta}: Burton from China who is gone to Porto Novo wth: intention to take in M^{r}: Gyfford and his Lady and from thence proceed towards you.

R.I.

Hon^{ble} S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: Most Obliged humble Servant
RALPH INGRAM.

TONQUEEN DECEMBER Y^{E}: 10TH: 1686.

Worp^{ll}: &c^{a}: Councell

Per Advices from y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: wee were ordered to dispatch this Ship Rainbow Cap^{ta}: Benja Pool Commander from Priaman but by Certain good advices wee are inform'd that our R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Masters have noe Settlement there but at Bancola Soe have Sent her to yo^{r}: Port hopeing you may have Pepper in Store to fill her up soe as Shee may have a quick passage for England in w^{ch}: you will doe the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: an acceptable Service. No. 83.

Their honours likewise advised us that they have ordered a Burthensome Sloop Laden w^th^: Pepper from Priaman w^ch^: should have been welcome to us if shee had arrived but that Commodity is a Drugg here at Present by reason of the great Quantitys y^e^: Dutch have bought here lately part of w^ch^: Still lyeth by them & y^e^: trade of that part of China to w^ch^: most part of y^e^: pepper is Carried from hence is at present impeeded by great Num^rs^: of Robbers that Keeps in y^e^ woods & by y^e^: River Side w^ch^: have & doe Seize Severall boats in y^e^: way thither and back therefore wee can give noe encouragement for y^e^: Sending any great Quantity of Pepper hither a Small matter on their hon^rs^: Ships that comes yearly hither may doe well w^ch^: wee have advised their hon^r^: of and desire you to Send a Coppy of this to the Gentlemen at Indrapore if you should bee forced to Send her thither to have her full Laden this being what wee thought Convenient to advise you of is the present needfull from.

S^rs^:
Yo^r^: Loveing ffriends & humble Servants
WILLIAM KEELING.
L. BLACKMORE.

TONQUEEN Y^E^: 2^D^: JANUARY 168$\frac{4}{7}$

HONO^BLE^: PRESIDENT &C^A^ COUNCELL.

No. 84. The 26^th^: of August passadoe Received yo^rs^: of y^e^: 22^th^: of Aprill last wherein wee doe & did acknowledge ourSelves to bee in Subordinacon to yo^r^: Presidency in Obedience thereto had wee had tyme Should have remitted yo^r^: hon^rs^: Transcripts of o^r^: Generall bookes & Diaries kept for Some yeares Since but our tyme would not now admitt; haveing w^th^: much difficulty procured all our bussiness once Coppyed out & Sent by y^e^: Rainbow: to y^e^; R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: for England; as order'd from thence Shee had her dispatch from hence ult^o^. December: w^th^: orders to make y^e^: best of her way for Bencola w^ch^: if shee can attaine tyme Enough Soe as to Save her passage about the Cape on the Contrary to proceed for the Port of London as ℔ y^e^: Inclosed wee Send yo^r^: Hon^rs^: to peruse Most of her Ladeing from hence; being Muske Raw silk Pelongs Thaes Hockings Showes Peneascoes & Lackredwares all w^ch^: amounts to fifty Seaven Thousand Six hundred fivety & Seaven Taile Seaven Mass plate w^ch^: God preserve to her Intended Port.

By y^e^: Ship Prospect wee received such goods as was by yo^r^: hon^rs^: order Sent hither on y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: acco^t^; as is Specified in her Invoice; and bill of Ladeing Most of y^e^: broad Cloth was Damaged being Eaten w^th^: y^e^: worme & Spotted w^th^: wee Supposed came by long lying In y^e^: Godownes, haveing now a great Quantity of Green [blew] & wine w^ch^: wee Shall be forced to Send yo^r^: hon^rs^: for they will not vend here, y^e^: next year however shall not bee backward to use our best Endeavours for its Consumption, Severall peices of y^e^: Long Cloth are Damaged; & one whole Bale for y^e^: most part Rotten y^e^: rose water one third of y^e^: bottles quite gone; & ye: Rest remaining, not half full all w^ch^: wee shall Remitt yo^r^: hon^rs^: attestacons by y^e^: next Conveyance haveing not tyme to Examine them fully; neither have wee fitt places to Secure soe Large Quantities of goods as is come this year for y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: acco^t^: y^e^: Long Cloth & Saltpetree are very dull Commodities now here; & y^e^: markett being glutted w^th^: y^e^: great quantity w^ch^: came this yeare by y^e^: Dutch from Batavia Rainbow from England & y^e^: Tywan from the King of Syam; Therefore cannot make any returns of her Cargoe this year all at present that is disposed of is y^e^: four Iron Ordnance to y^e^: King w^ch^: hath prevailed w^th^: him to us ground to build on. Therefore now wee desire yo^r^: hon^rs^: to Send us all manner of Timbers and plank Iron work as Locks bolts hinges Nailes &c^a^: that they are w^th^: you very Cheap to bee procured; for in this place wee have noe durable Timber nor Iron that will Serve our Turne; the Ground will bee about 130 foot broad & 160 foot Deep all workmens Labour here is very dear. Therefore if Carpenters & Masons would come from yo^r^: Port wee doe Judge it to bee y^e^: Cheapest way for brick Tiles & Limes

&c^{a}: this Country affords; shall bee provided against y^{e}: next Shipps comeing hopeing that wee may deserve y^{e}: Same Kindness from yo^{r}: hon^{r}: as other Subordinary ffactorys nearer at hand have had; The Extraordinary Charge wee shall bee forced to bee att (before one Stone will bee laid) to y^{e}: King Prince & Mandarines w^{ch}: wee cannot prevent made us defer getting ground till now; who by an Extraordinary fire that hapned & y^{e}: Eminent danger wee were in of haveing all our Godowns burnt & wth: out doubt, had prevailed had it not been through y^{e}: Industry of Some Seamen being then wth: us in y^{e}: Citty w^{ch}: made us from that Instant very desirous; to gett ground w^{ch}: wth: much difficulty at last wee Obtained.

The Tywan ffrigott from Syam brought hither Eleaven of y^{e}: Tonqueen Seamen w^{ch}: went wth: Cap^{ta}: ffenn thither who makes great complaints of his hard usage of them in y^{e}: voyage; their want of Severall months pay when left him; therefore upon their Complaints to y^{e}: Govern^{r}: of Hien wee were enforced to deposite one hundred & Twenty thousand Cassies amongst them further wee are Enformed that hee intend for Madrass y^{e}: October ffollowing wee have not allowed any ffreight for y^{e}: goods w^{ch}: was brought on y^{e}: Prospect; hither because there is not any thing menc̃oned of it. In y^{e}: Generall Lr̃e or Bill of Ladeing therefore Refer it to yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: to Content y^{e}: Cap^{ta}: neither are wee acquainted how much ℔ Cent [is] y^{e}: usuall Custome fqr goods from yo^{r}: Port; if this arrive time Enough before y^{e}: Dragon or her Cargoe bee Sent home wee humbly Conceive wth: Submission to yo^{r}: hon^{r}: to take out all her dyed Silkes & Lackred Wares to dispose of them there feareing least they should bee rotton wth: long Lying in her hold (they being the Damaged goods of y^{e}: Smyrnaoate) if they Should proceed for England wth: out opening w^{ch}: wee hope to y^{e}: Contrary.

The box of hubble bubbles wee have return'd as received; they being not fitt for this place; for w^{ch}: y^{e}: Cap^{ta}: hath given us his receipt w^{ch}: wee have here remitted yo^{r}: hon^{r}:

Wee are in great hopes yo^{r}: hon^{r}: will not forgett to furnish us wth: Such Regallioes &c^{a}: Necessarys as yo^{r}: Co[u]ntry affords by Each oppertunity that offers being in great want Since y^{e}: loss of Bantom & y^{e}: Europe Ships w^{ch}: arrive here yearly meeting wth: better Marketts before they arrive wth: us; leavs us destitute soe Craveing yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: pardon for being Soe tedious wee are.

Yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: most humble Servants to Com^{d}:

WILLIAM KEELING.
L. BLACKMORE.

HONO^{BLE}: PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCELL

DOMAY JANUARY Y^{E}: 22^{d}: 168$\frac{6}{7}$ TONQUEEN.

HONOURED S^{R}:

No. 85.

The many abusses I have recēd many yeares before is advised at Large all w^{ch}: I did in Some measure forgive their unkindness to mee onely wth: intreatise to bee removed from them but I begg that this may not pass wth: out yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: due notice taken of it wth: punishment inflicted on them according to their deserts otherwise noe peaceable or quiet man can live in y^{e}: hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Service here wth: him that now Remains Second; should I undertake to Correct him mySelf according to his deserts I mought bee thought to bee very Severe wth: him; hee Continuing Still as have done all along my utter Enimy and I haveing now y^{e}: power in my hands mought bee thought to doe things very Impartiall on my own acco^{t}:

The 21st: Ditto I went on board y^{e}: Dragon to waite on y^{e}: ffrench Bishop about 10 Seamen that they helped us to; & near six at night went to Supp in y^{e}: boate I came downe from y^{e}: Citty after Supper M^{r}: W^{m}: Hodges & M^{r}: George Tash abused mee wth: Such base durty Language; unbeseeming men of their

breeding Especially unto mee; as calling mee Rogue & Rascall Knave fool Puppey & ass, nay one that could not write sence w^th^: many more durty Speeches though y^e^: least of these to any private man was not fitting to have been Spoaken neither could or would have I endured it of them but that Cap^ta^: Anthony Fenn was w^th^: us & I was ashamed to have him See such a Quarrell therefore intreated them to hold their Tongues or I would call Some to help mee that should make them; if I could not doe it mySelf; and their answere to mee was they would take them that I should call and mee w^th^: them & wipe their britch; Soe after much intreaties Cap^ta^: Anthony ffenn perswaded them to goe on board him but by M^r^: Hodges his doings its Supposed his intentions that night for to have fought if any would have took him up; these Severall persons undermencõned who waited by my boat Side all y^e^: while seeing what past (being most Englishmen belonging to y^e^: Dragon) will all Justifie upon oath what I have now writt and had not their Cap^ta^: been w^th^: us they would never have Suffered them to have abused mee as they did; and by this its easily to bee Seen what a life I doe & am like to live hereafter w^th^: him (I mean M^r^: Tash) when y^e^: Ship is gone soe begging yo^r^: hon^rs^:.& Councells pardon for troubling you soe often; but Since this abuse offered y^e^: Seamen who saw it told mee plainly if I did not write about it they would; is all at present from.

S^rs^:
Yo^r^: hon^rs^: Humble Servant
WILLIAM KEELING.

Coppie Sent ℔ Dragon.

FRANCIS JORDAN.
PERSEE HAWKES COPPER.
ROBERT BRASTLY.
LAWRENCE PORTER.
BLACK TOM.

PETTIPOLLEE Y^E^: 21^D^: FEBRUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

To THE HON^BLE^: WILL^M^: GYFFORD ESQ:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^: OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE &C^A^: COUNCILL.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

No. 86. Wee wrote you y^e^: 15^th^: past and 8^th^: Instant Since w^ch^: have reced none from you w^ch^: occasions this to bee breife and is Cheifly to acquaint you that now our Merchants beginning to bring in their goods from the washer w^ch^: shall sort and imbale w^th^: all convenient Speed fear all will not bee done till Latter end next month our endeavo^rs^: shall not bee wanting to make them use more hast.

The English Souldiers (w^ch^: have been Kept here on y^e^: Merch^ts^: Acco^ts^:) brings this y^e^: Merchants haveing no further occasion for their Stay haveing brought him what Goods they can this year haveing nothing else till wee hear from you w^th^: obedient Services respectfully conclude.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Y^r^: Most Obedient humble Servants.

JOHN LITTLETON.
W^M^: SHALES.

P.S.—William Shales hath been for Some time and is now much indisposed.

To the Hon^ble: William Gyfford Esq^r:
President & Govern^r & Councell in Fort S^t: George.

Hon^ble: S^r:

In Persuit of yo^r: order I received from Fort S^t: George y^e: 19^th: this Instant I Stood to Sea thinking that I should gaine the Island Ceylon y^e: Sooner but finding y^e: Curr^tt: soe Strong that I was not capable of gaining my passage I Stood in for y^e: shoar againe and fetcht noe farther y^e: Seaven Pag^s: Thirsday 24^th: at night soe Stood along shoar; and friday afternoon I Spoake w^th: a moores Ship bound for Fort S^t; George w^th: an English pass and belonging to his Worsp: Elihu Yale I lett him pass and proceeded my voyage in y^e: Evening I Saw a Ship in Codaiour Roade Supposing him to bee Cap^ta: Batten I came to anchor sent my boat aboard Examin'd found it to bee Cap^ta; Henry Burton in y^e: Expectacon ffrigott from China hee being ashoar his people gave a very Slender acco^t: said alsoe that they were weighing and the Mary Sloop comeing in hee anchord againe and went ashoar to vissit M^r: Gyfford I had a Suspition of him and I went on shoar Examin'd y^e: Cap^ta: he had noe passport and by the Informacon: of M^r: Bullock that you would gladly see him at y^e: Fort hee understanding by his Carpenter at Porto Novo that hee had given in his affidavit what M^r: Mo [. . .] a Gentleman in y^e: Court of Fort S^t: George against y^e: s^d: Cap^ta: Burton I have Sent him up under y^e: Conduct of M^r: Joseph Bullock and have taken out four Englishmen that were aboard of him and hee hath given them a bill for their wages hee haveing noe money here; there wages amounting to one hundred Seaventy five Rupees for Service p^r form'd aboard y^e Expectacon: ffriggott w^ch: money I request yo^r: hon^r: may Secure for these men. I have sent five Dutchmen w^ch: belong to y^e: ffort they being refractory ffellows I had to [send] many of them aboard and feard they would beetroublesome; I have alsoe sent the Corporall Robert Gibbons in the Expectacon to See that nothing bee Embazeled. No. 87.

Munday in the morne I came aboard haveing but then dispatch[ed] my bussiness and thought to have Saild but it has Since blown hard and rais'd a great Sea neither have wee had any land winds soe that I could not gett off into y^e: Sea but w^th: y^e: first permission of wind I designe to Saile. I am alsoe Inform'd that Cap^ta: Batten could not gaine the Coast of Zelone being frustrated by Strong Streams and Contrary winds however I designe to put for it but if Impossible to bee gaind I designe to Cruze near this Latt^d: it being the place (as y^e: Pilot informes) [tho] the Monela Ships fall in w^th: y^e: Curr^tt: carrying them to y^e: Norward.

This w^th: my humble Service to yo^r: hon^r: is all at present from him who is.

Yo^r: hon^rs: Most humble Servant
Steven Bradly.

March p^mo 8^s/7
ffrom on board the Saphire
in Cudaloor Roade.

Cudalour February 28^th: 168^6/7.

To the Hon^ble: William Gyfford Esq^r:
President & Govern^r: &c^a: Councill in Fort S^t: George.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

Haveing at present none of yo^rs: to give answere to these only Serve for Covert for y^e: inclosed Bill of Ladeing a further acco^t: shall bee forwarded overland w^ch: w^th: the presentacon of my Service Subscribe. No. 88.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Yo^r: Most humble & Obedient Serv^t;
Ralph Ingram.

GUDALOUR Y^{E}: Ψ^{MO}: MARCH 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}: COUNCELL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

No. 82. My las[t] to you was y^{e}: 28th: past wherein adviced of y^{e} Ladeing y^{e}: allum on board Sloop Mary Joseph Bullock Master & promised therein to remitt you by over Land Conveiance an acco^{t}: thereof w^{ch}: had been done then had not their Speedy dispatch hindred my enquiry into y^{e}: true weight of the China Allum w^{ch}: found to bee noe more then 49^{ca}: 4^{md}: 12^{s}: as you may please to bee informed by y^{e}: inclosed attestacõn tho Invoyc'd to us to q^{ta}: 51^{ca}: 8^{md}: 19^{s}: for the overcharge of w^{ch}: please to Creditt our acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: as I shall debt yo^{rs}: for it when shall receive yo^{r}: answere w^{ch}: wth: y^{e}: presentacõn of my Service to you is y^{e}: present trouble from

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble and obedient
Serv^{t}:
RALPH INGRAM.

CUDDALOOR Y^{E}: Ψ^{MO} MARCH 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

No. 90. These are to Certifie whome it may concerne that wee y^{e}: Subscribers were present at y^{e}: weighing of the China Allum w^{ch}: came from on board y^{e}: Loyall adventure Cap^{ta}: W^{m}: Goodlad Commander & found it to Cont^{a}: noe more then forty nine Candy four Maund & twelve pound to w^{ch}: wee are ready to attest upon oath when shall bee required thereto Wittness our hand the day and year above written.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF
JAMES GRUDGFIELD.

BIMROY.
CHENDRUPA.
MILEPA.

PETTIPOLLEE Y^{E}: 28TH: FEBRU^{RY}: 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}: S^{R}: &C^{A}:

No. 91. Wee wrote you the 21st: Instant Since w^{ch}: have received yo^{rs}: of the 16th: whereto shall now make reply; wee have used our utmost endeavours wth: our Merch^{ts}: to bring their Cloth, that it might have gon home wth: this yeares Shipping and are Sorry that could not performe the Same the Merch^{ts}; alledging the ffamine and the people dayly dieing has occasioned their backwardness this year w^{ch}: they never was guilty of before, by our last wee advised you of their bringing in the Cloth from y^{e}: washers & shall make what hast possible to Sort and Embale the same if you'l please to Send a vessell to carry the goods from hence tho: at present wee hear of noe Troubles yett cannot tell what may happen the Countrey being in Warrs therefore Judge it convenient not to have any thing remaining here of the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Camp^{as}:; for if the Government bee Chang'd it will Certainly fall into their hands.

Wee are in great want of money to pay the Charges of the ffactory att Present being indebted to the Brameny for near 2: mo^{ths}: expence w^{ch}: wth: Tenders of our Most Obedient Services wee conclude.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Most humble & Obedient Servants
JOHN LITTLETON.
WILLIAM SHALES.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM SANGANAH & MANDANAH FROM CONCHEVARON DATED Y^E: 8^TH: MAR^CH: 168$\frac{6}{7}$ TO THE HON^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD. RECEIVED THE 13^TH: DITTO.

No. 92. I am in health and shall bee glad to hear of yo^r: hon^r: the Kind Letter you Sent Some dayes Since I have received and rejoycd at its Contents you Say that for y^e: two yeares rent thats due to the Divan that the Last yeares rent is ready and due and that theres three months more to come before this yeares rent will bee due and that the hon^ble: Comp^a: wont bee Satisfied w^th: yo^r: paying said rent w^th: out the Kings Phirmaund or order and that you did not Send any body to his Excellency not Knowing how they might bee received yo^r: hon^r: is an understanding man and Since his Excellencys arrivall here here [hee?] himself has wrot often to you about this money and my advice to you is that you comply w^th: his desire the Divan is in great necessity of the money and wont make demand of what has been paid therefore be sure send both yeares rent; and for what you mention of Sending a person of Quallity his Excellency is an understanding good humour'd man and has governed Metchlepatam and other parts thereabouts and Knows the Customes; besides wee are not Ignorant of yo^r: Quallity wherefore as you used to Send to Treat w^th: the Deceased Singapa Soe wee would have you send a fitt person to his Excellency and Cause him to bee respectfully Reced and hon^rd: and doe farther as you shall desire.

METCHLEPATAM Y^E: ULT^O: FEBRUARY 168$\frac{8}{7}$.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNO^R: &C^A: COUNCELL.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

No. 93. Wee have Severall of yours Viz^t: a Duplicate of y^e: 20^th: Novem^br: 14^th & 30^th X^ber 17^th January & 16^th February to y^e: fformers of w^ch: should have replyed to in Course and Season; but Robert ffreeman['s] great weakness by y^e: Barbeers hindred; hee is now Somewhat recovered (praised bee God) tho but to little Strength; however shall now soe well as can breifly give answere to all.

The best of Goods wee could procure from o^r: Merchants was Sent you upon y^e: George what more the[y] had was bad and of forbidden Sorts; soe that wee have gott nothing of them Since nor will they now bee perswaded to take off Europe goods in Truck, Since Oranzeeb comeing against Gulcondah till Such time as they [see] the Effect thereof & Settlement againe of Government.

As to what you write Concerning Cap^ta: Owens goeing for Persia needs noe Reply hee not touching here; if had in Season should [have] Endeavoured to have prosecuted your orders to Effect.

You have our Generall books w^ch: will show M^r: Tillotsons Debt to y^e: Comp^a: and alsoe an acco^t: of our reall Remaines in this ffactory; w^ch: answeres yo^r: first.

Your 2^d: orders us to Supply Pettipollee ffactory w^th: Pag^d: 500: five hundred w^ch wee have done tho was forced to take up one half of it at Interest.

What was taken out of y^e: Sloop Thomas wee never had any acco^t: of M^r: Wheeden put what hee pleas'd aboard a vessell in y^e: Road; and tooke a receipt soe Saild away; w^ch: wee thougnt hee might have deliver'd to you; twas such a time then wee could not bring Such things ashoar in this place; Soe was forced to Send them to Corangoe in Skipper Peter Johnsons vessell & Committed them to his care but while Robert ffreeman was at Fort S^t: George hee went privately away for Bengall Considerably in his Debt; and at Corangoe wee found left but 4 Gunns 2 duppers Powder and 120 Shott; all w^ch: was deliver'd to Cap^ta: Woodcock as ℔ his receipt; and this is all the acco^t: Wee can give & answeres your 2^d:

In your 3^d: wee finde you troubled that our Investment has been Soe Little this year, w^ch: noe less Concernes us; but y^e: prohibitacon: of y^e: R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^a: upon Severall Sorts and Condition of y^e: time are Such that more could not possibly

bee done; and Since our comeing hither, wee finde it worse; for from the Small promises wee had of doeing Something; comes yett to noe performance; y^{e}: washers being soe very few in Number and they Such wicked villanies to accept of any bodys goods that will trust them wth: out a designe cureing any ℔cell but wett and lay them in heaps; and then dayly demand a Supply of Rice; Soe that what was put into their hands Eight months past is not gott out; nor dos any body now but those that are necessitated like ourSelves care to trust them wth: any thing but wearing Cloths, because of y^{e}: often Roberyes that are Committed every where; and not wth: standing wee allow a Strong Guard of peons for soe small bussiness yett cannot Escape w^{ch}: has caused many disputes between our great Govern^{rs}: and allmost to a down Right falling out for his dayly Imposicons and abusses to y^{e}: poor people is y^{e}: Cause Thereof; wee have had Severall huffs wth: him but think neither can bragg of y^{e}: advantage what goods wee have hitherto gott in exceeds not two Thousand Pag^{ds}: and those wee are makeing up dayly; a few more comes in but at a Sadd rate Some dayes one Corge and Some Less, and this is y^{e}: manner wee can gett o^{r}: bussiness done at present, not wth: Standing pay Eight Pag^{as}: for what formerly Cost but 1½ but if wee had been well Supplyed wth: goods could have mett wth: noe oppertunity of Sending them to you Since y^{e}: Josiah; nor noe other Ship from the Bay touch'd here: all boats vessells and men being Employed down to Gingerlee for graine Soe that neither y^{e}: Dutch nor us together could in these two last months man off one boate to goe on board Shipp wth: out putting Europe men therein instead of Cooleys tis now a little better; some boats being returned; but Graine Continues very dear Severall being cast away.

Wee finde you have Convinced possitive Cap^{ta}: Earning of his Error tho: wee could not wth: Severall disputes after Sight of his Charter party but understanding of his dispatch with him a good voyage.

What former hopes wee gave you of disposall y^{e}: Europe goods was then as it appeared; but now altered as wee Render acco^{t}: of in a former Clause. The Persia ffreight would at Last have been something more then appeared to us at first because y^{e}: want of a Ship both from the dutch and us; and the Troubles that dayly ensued caused the Merchants that were designed thither when twas to late to offer an encrease of their Stocks if wee would provide them wth: one, but wee come off wth: an Excuse twas their owne faults that they Spoak not in time else had not failed wth: the Seemed to Creditt and Soe parted Lamenting their own ffolly.

Wee understand y^{e}: Sloop Mary is Safe arrived wth: you the occasion of our Sending her finde you are satisfied wth; tho not y^{e}: Gold and Silver thread w^{ch}: wee found an absolute necessity for noe probabillity of ever disposeing of it here.

Our news from Bengall is nothing more but finde yo^{r}: Expectacon was of greater w^{ch}: wee wish proves unreasonable and to participate thereof for have diversity here from y^{e}: Moores but all bad Enough therefore give y^{e}: less Crd^{t}: thereto, wee are represented as very Evill people but y^{e}: Dutch good.

Wee are glad to understand you have Concluded wth: M^{r}: Jearsy and shall according to yo^{r}: order write of his Debt this year in our books this answ^{r}: yo^{r}: 3^{d}:

Your 4th: only advices the arrivall of y^{e}: Josiah wth: you and to Send up what goods wee may have in readyness by Some Countrey vessell or boat w^{ch}: wee should doe were it possible to Effect noe vessell of o^{rs}: is arrived from y^{e}: Bay w^{ch}: answers that.

And now to yo^{r}: Last o^{r}: Long Silence is already answered to your Letter to y^{e}: Dutch Seconds Lady is deliverd but wee hear nothing from her Concerning it Soe hope shee is Satisfied therewth:

Wee Know not what M^{r}: Pavia may have wrote you Concerning the great troubles wee were in but Sure hee took Robert ffreemans Letter in to large a Sence to advice soe; but as yett wee have been in none more then y^{e}: ffamine brings wth: it by y^{e}: want of victualls & people to doe our bussiness as alsoe y^{e}: diversity of discourse conserning y^{e}: Mogulls Conquering this Countrey is like to prove off worse Consequence to us then any other because of o^{r}: warr wth:

him w^{ch}: hee has an acco^{t}: of (according as Report goes) both from his owne people & o^{r}: Neighbours y^{e}: Dutch; who have been up wth: him by a Small Envoy; wee fear not anything seeing noe apparent danger more then a Continuall Rumour of horse & foot comeing downe into these parts who robbs & plunders all before them. M^{r}: Pavia's Concernes wee beleive were great and his fears Equall w^{ch}: has brought him downe hither; soe that wee could wish for y^{e}: better Security of all; the Generall as well as particular Concernes had a Shipp Rideing in this road as our Neighbours w^{ch}: would bee Credible as convenient but this wee Refer to yo^{r}: Better Judgement.

Mounsieur Guetty has play'd soe many tricks wth: us about y^{e}: Silver Sent him up that wee know not what to think of him nor what hee intends; after his advices twas Sold wee drew a Bill of Exch^{a}: upon him; but that hee refused to pay; pretending that after his Contract of Sale y^{e}: times chang'd & hee dare not trust y^{e}: buyer who was head Sheroff of y^{e}: Tanksall; least y^{e}: Kings necessity should force it away & hee thereby become insolvent soe that y^{e}: Silver as hee now writes Still Remaines unsold and put into y^{e}: Dutch ffactory att Bagnegar for Security w^{ch}: is noe Small disapointment to us our Sheroff haveing all this time Supplyed us wth: money in Expectac̃on: of receiveing that there in Coine; and now hee begins to open upon us dreadfully but wee are capable of giveing him noe Satisfac̃on more then good words and promises of reasonable allowance for y^{e}: time hee is out of his money wee cannot gett a Letter past into Gulcondah any time this month tho: have Sent up Eight or ten Pattamars; nor by my other Stratagem of Conveyance; as by ffacquiers & Braminyes Soe that wee Know not what more to doe then have done being desperately poor but must Submitt wth: Patience to divine Providence to period all these troubles.

Robert Freeman had hopes to been wth: you ere now and in order thereto hired a vessell y^{e}: 4th: Curr^{t}: for y^{e}: transport of his necessaries at 100 pag^{ds}: but shee has unfortunately lost her passage, and bore back againe however that shall bee noe Impediment to his person but Soe Soone as y^{e}: Little bussiness of y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: is finished (w^{ch}: puts us now to more trouble then y^{e}: greatest Investment wee ever had) hee will See this years books Ballanc'd & repaire to you by y^{e}: best oppertunity of Conveyance that presents; Conforming himself to Such orders as may receive from you y^{e}: times at present being soe very dangerous our neighbours y^{e}: Dutch has close Tappas lay'd up on all y^{e}: roads for Speedy advices; w^{ch}: wee think fitt to advise you of that in case you should Judge it Convenient y^{e}: like may bee done by us w^{ch}: is all what offers at present worthy your notice from.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Most Humble & Obed^{t}: Servants

ROBERT FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
SAMUELL SWYNOCK.

P.S.—S^{rs}: Just now one of our peons from Gingerlee acquaints us that a Ship is upon that Coast w^{ch}: does great mischiefe to Paddy vessells; Sinkeing & driveing ashoare all that comes in its Sight it carrys M^{r}: Coats name; but wee Suppose it Lessly, two Europemen belonging to y^{e}: Ship was by accident taken upon y^{e}: Shoar & Carryed in Irons to y^{e}: Seir Lascar of w^{ch}: wee expect to hear some thing more of in a shoart time; as to y^{e}: truth hereof whether soe or not.

ID. R: F.
T: H.
S: S.

CONIMEER Y^e: 16^th: MARCH 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT &c: COUNCELL IN FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

No. 94. Yo^rs: of y^e: 16^th: ult^o: have received to w^ch: shall respectfully reply.

It has not been once or twice but repeated have been our Endeavours to perswade our Merchants to take off y^e: Greens you Sent us upon our last Contract; but wee have not been able in the least to gaine any ground upon them; for they are possitively resolved not to touch a p^s: of it tho wee have sufficiently urged y^e: great Kindness you did them by letting them have y^e: Copper and Tinn at y^e: Market price; provided they took off greens w^th: all but they answere us; they care not for y^e: tinne nor Copper; give them y^e: Europe goods according to Their list and Contract Soe possitive are they if wee urge them to take of y^e: greens; lett but that alone say they, then wee are willing to take y^e: Copper and Tinn in y^e: roome of y^e: Corrall Vermilion & Quicksilver provided wee have y^e: Redd broad cloth according to o^r: list; this is their ffinall determinacõn & upon y^e: acco^t: yo^r: orders run possitive to us; not to lett them have y^e: Copper and Tinn w^th: out they took of y^e: greens; Since wee cannot prevaile wee still Keep it in o^r: hands till wee hear ffarther from you about it; w^ch: wee desire may bee as Speedy as may bee because our Merch^ts: will not touch any of y^e: other goods tho they are according to their list w^th: out y^e: redd broad cloth bee at y^e: Same time deliver'd them; for fear at y^e: least wee should impose these greens upon them; soe fearfull are they and twill not bee well for us to Keep y^e: goods long in our hands; to give o^r: opinions in y^e: case wee presume it may not bee well to Impose upon them now wee have them in o^r: hands, for haveing well perform'd their Contract w^th: us; should wee goe about to bee soe hard w^th: them; they would not bee soe ready to trust us another time besides to in o^r: late Contract o^r: Termes run hard enough w^th: them; upon acco^t: of their takeing of soe much goods w^ch: but now and when their bussiness was ffinished is come to their hands and y^e: prices soe low that y^e: very redds they proffer us for 12 Pag^as: y^e: half p^s, soe that you may please to Consider [what a] hand they are like to make of their Europe goods this year; y^e: Copper & Tinn therefore in y^e: room of y^e: Corrall Quicksilver and vermilion may bee deliver'd them; and not to goe about to force y^e: greens upon them, but this wee leave to yo^r: Consideracõn and accordingly waite till yo^r: answere comes o^r: September Contract wee cannot as yett commence because (as adviced before) our [debt] is not paid; that once being done wee immediatly proceed upon it; as yett wee hear nothing from o^r: Merchants about abateing upon the Europe Goods; if y^e: abatement is approv'd off and continued Still at Codaloar; our Merchants will not want to make that a pretence for them here and will Expect Tasheriffs of Gold Chains & broadcloth here as well as y^e: Codalour Merch^ts: but as wee hear nothing as yett about abateing soe should our Merchants Hand for it, and should wee at y^e: last Keep up y^e: old prices; w^ch: will cost an infinite deal of trouble; because of y^e: bad Example from Codalour; wee hope it may bee look't upon as a good peece of Service & desire you will please to take particular notice of it accordingly; in our Gen^ll: of y^e: 25^th: Jan^ry: you will more at large see what wee wrote about this bussiness.

Had Sloop Mary come down to us from Cudalour; there would have been little of o^r: Contract left behind; for as before adviced; o^r: goods were all come in, soe as tis a loss; y^e: blame will fall upon them, that hindred y^e: Sloop from comeing down to us.

Wee have now 72 bales lying by us y^e: remains of o^r: January Contract w^ch: according to yo^r: order shall Send you upon Sloop James when shee comes hither and because you may bee satisfied o^r: Merchants have performed well this year.

Wee desire our goods wee Send upon y^e: James may bee examin'd; where don't question but you will find things much to your content & Satisfaccõn.

When wee receive yo^r: answere about y^e: Copper & Tinn Shall then weigh it of makeing but one trouble of it; and afterwards report y^e: damages to you accordingly.

Reports are soe various and full of contradiction that wee Know not what to make of soe much confusion this morning wee heard y^e^: King of Gulcondah opening y^e^: old Treasuries of his Predecessours; and Liberally distributing y^e^: Same to y^e^: Souldiers; encouraged them soe by Such a largesse that they be at y^e^: Mogull above a Jentue league back from y^e^: Citty; and Kil'd aboundance of his men and horses in so much that y^e^: Mogull in y^e^: broaken condition of his forces dares not attempt again upon y^e^: Citty; but has Sent orders to his Army in these parts immediatly to send him a Supply of men & horses to reinforce his Army from another assalt; this afternoon turns y^e^: Story and brings news; that y^e^: Mogull presses very hard upon Gulcondah that he has Kil'd and taken above 6000 of y^e^: Kings horse; and put y^e^: rest to fflight; and tis thought may by this time have taken y^e^: Citty; this acco^t^: wee had from some Dutch Peons that were goeing up to Tivenapatam w^th^: letters; and that y^e^: Dutch were w^th^: all expedition Sending up Souldiers for y^e^: Defence and Securing of their Southern ffactorys amidst y^e^: uncertainty of these reports wee Know not where to fix however think it might bee very convenient that wee had a Ship here w^th^: what force and Soldiers you are able to Spare; for as wee have a very great concerne of y^e^: K^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: here at ꝑsent soe there is our own Safety and o^r^: lives involved in y^e^: Same danger at y^e^: Same time.

There are 6 bales of broadcloth that came upon y^e^: Concord very much damnified, by wet on board Ship upon w^ch^: accompt wee Kept y^e^: Bill of Lading in o^r^: hands giveing a receipt for what wee received from on board well Condition'd w^ch^: wee thought convenient to advice of w^th^: in 3 or 4 days shall make a shift to patch up; wee have wood enough; but want Conveyances to send it you; w^ch^: being the needfull at present wee Respectfully remaine.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your Most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

CODALOUR Y^E^: 17^TH^: MARCH 168$\frac{4}{7}$.

TO THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCELL IN FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

These are to advise your Honour &c^a^: that y^e^: Merchants here haveing a Considerable quantity of Cloth by them ready for Embaleing to y^e^: amount of near Twenty thousand Pag^as^: humbly desire you will please to order y^e^: Sortment thereoff; and forward hither M^r^: Davis &c^a^: for y^e^: better doing it; w^ch^: w^th^: y^e^: Presentacon of my service is y^e^: present trouble from. No. 95.

Hono^ble^ S^r^: &c^a^:
Your Most Humble & Most
Obedient Servant
RALPH INGRAM.

MUY ILLUSTRISS^MO^: S^R^: W^M^: GYFFORD.

Com sua amorosa carta de Vs^ra^: que me foi dada em 22 deste presente mes q me fez sabedora, da boa disposicaõ que V^m^: logra, e d q: muy folguei em grao d^e^: mu^tõ^: alegria p^a^: desta me fazer m^tas^: merces. No. 96.

Que ao fazer desta a D^r^: m^to^: louvado mais do q: mereço p^a^: servir ao mesmo S^r^: e a V^m^: como m^to^: obigada nas cousas que for servido em mim; Acerca do contrato de arros q: V^m^. me relata na sua en como ouve algus [. . .] sobre o meu marido q: fica devendo, por alguas pessoas os que Vieram requerer a sua justica, pello qual lha relato nesta q: me entenda, as dividas ou outros negocios percisos, por tudo tem seus modos qual da qual a força da sua

resão'e despacho a modo que haj, e disto pode V^m imaginar em como não hâ mais q : duvidar sobre isso por q : he limpo, e claro q : tomou &^c : empemho p^a : me dar em arros como tenho na outra relatado a V^m : sobre isto. Visto soceder isso, e sor neçessario forçosamtç de se ocupar, p^a : que possa achar o meu d^o : vistõ logo no tempo que sucedeo isto fuime ter com o M^r : Friman q : me respondeu cõ ouvir minha rasaõ q : era claro, e direito, diçeme o dito M^r : Friman, q : era necessario q : venha a carta, e licença de V^m : p^a : elle me poder satisfazer este dro. assim peço demerçe q : me queira fazer este favor de poderme cobrar esse Dinh^ro : p^a : sua [. . .] e merçe. Acerca q : V^m : o culpa o meu servidor de não tomar o [. . .] e q : la devido comocá tenho ordenado por elle que não reçebe ce menos da justa contia, e por esta resão não o teve elle coração de fazer afora do meu regim.^do torno peço a V^m : lem^cé : que com esta feita desta carta não seria necessario mais de escrever a V^m : sobre isso, p^a : que não aballe seus ouvidos e dessa nenheria, mais como confio em V^m : que obrara melhor do que eu lhe peço nesta, soposto q : o meu marido ora esta o meu marido em Comp^a : senão for a desta e querendo, V^m : me fazer este favor de fazer modas de mandarme esse d^ro : seja por este passados,

q : foi 30 otra prim^ra : carta a V^m : a q : esta lhe apresento em esta Madrastap^m : esperando a sua estimada reposta, on carta e ordens a esta feitoria da sua nebre Comp^a : p^a : en cubrar em d^ro : e no mais espero me ocupar V^m : em cousas do seu serviço q : terei por maior alvitre no mais q : Nossa^r : q^e : a sua pessoa tã generosa.

Mossulap^m : em 14 de Março de 1687 annos

De V. M. Certa e Obrigada
Maria Venden Bogaerde

De 14 Março recebi a de V. m. e nesta veiooq me diz sobre essa divida do d^ro : de arros tenhor lhe aviza do em como as contas do Inglez q : lhe tomou esse d^ro : são tantos os que reque em contra elle q : na verdade estão estãs contas muy embaracadas, e p^a : haver de as acabar hâ mister m^tas : concideracão, eu da minha parte no que me for possivel servir, e ajudar a V^m : me tem m^to : certo, assim q tenha V^m : paciencia antes que venhão p^a : câ o M^r : Friman, co M^r : Littleton que estão pa lâ e cada hora espero por elles com suas vindas tomaremos resoluçaõ depois de bem examinada a causa, e o q for de resão sefarã e nisto esteja V^m : M^to : certo, e lem pudera ter V^m : jã parte do seu dinh^ro : quando câ dava a seu servidor mas como V^m : diz ter lhe assim ordenado fez elle o que V^m : lhe mandou, havendo outra cousa do seu serviço não faltaria. Nosso senhor lhe gude Da Fartaleza S^t : George de Madraspatam em ½ de Abril de 1687 annos.

From Dia y^e : 7^th : January 168⅞.

Honourable S^r :

No. 97. These are to Satisfie that after a tea[d]ious passage wee met w^th : Cap^ta : John Nailor in Sight of Sumatra in 4^d : 46 : north Latt^d : being great want of Provition and my Self in like condition but bless God hath met w^th : Some Releife in this place as to rice but for fflesh hear is none to bee gott I am this night Sailing for Priaman and Cap^ta : Nailor for Acheen w^ch : is all at present from.

S^r :
Your Humble Servant to Command
Jonathan Vunkittlee.

Madrass y^e : 24^th : March 168⅞

To the Hon^ble : W^m : Gyfford Esq^r :
&^ca : Councell.

Gentlemen

No. 98. I am perswaded twill bee noe Surprize to bee informed from mee that y^e : Circumstances that Agent Charnock &c^a : Gentlemen of y^e : Bay has reduced mee to doe not allow mee those conveniencyes I Stand in need of.

And Since my affaires are in Such a posture and myself under noe imployment I am destitute of y^e^ : needfull remedy ; and therefore must depend upon y^e^ : Gentlemen to make some convenient provision till tyme may produce other things.

Tis noe Small force on my temper that I am under a necessity to make this Sort of Adress but I hope twill not bee accompted a shame to Submit to fate and in confidence that this will finde noe ill reception I Subscribe mySelf.

Gentlemen
Your Obliged humble Servant
THOMAS DAVIES.

METCHLEPATAM 12^TH^ : MARCH 168$\frac{8}{7}$.

TO THE HON^BLE^ : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^ :
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^ : COUNCELL.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

Our last to you was of y^e^ : ult^o^ : past mo : Since w^ch^ : little or nothing has presented worth your notice ; but an accidentiall conveyance happening by M^r^ : Pavia wee think fitt to acquaint you of y^e^ : discourse in these parts ; by a message from y^e^ : Govern^r^ : last night ; that two Ships of o^rs^ : lyes upon y^e^ : Coast of Gingerlee ; where Robbs and doth much mischeife haveing (as hee Sayes) received advices from Bengall last night ; that wee are in distress there and forced to Send o^r^ : Ships to other parts to buske for Victualls ; wee have Endeavour'd to undeceive him Knowing it to bee Cap^ta^ : Lessly from whom y^e^ : people of this ffactory has Sustained great prejudice ; Severall of o^r^ : Boats w^th^ : Graine being burn'd Sunk and run ashoar. N^o^ : 99.

Lately wee received a letter from Mounsieur Guety of Date the 4^th^ : Curr^t^ : new Stile y^e^ : Sence of w^ch^ : wee can make but Little off ; only y^e^ : Silver in his hands is Still Safe in y^e^ : Dutch ffactory at Bagnagar ; that hee will Conver[t] it into money soe soon as can ; they Enjoy peace and quietness in that Citty under Government of y^e^ : Mogull in a much better manner then before y^e^ : Fort holds out and has repuls'd y^e^ : Mogulls Army to y^e^ : loss of many great personages ; for w^ch^ : hee is angry w^th^ : his Eldest Sonn Shaw Allome and Mirza Ebrahim Keeping them under Guard.

The Cheife &c^a^ : of y^e^ : Dutch has bee[n] w^th^ : y^e^ : Mogull received a Tasharife and promises of a Phirmaund to have y^e^ : Same priviledges in these parts as at Surrat and Bangall ; but noe more ; Gulcondah is thought cannot hold out above ten dayes Longer w^ch^ : is all y^e^ : News.

Our goods comes in dayly tho : but few hope 10 : or 15 dayes longer may compleat y^e^ : whole w^ch^ : is all that offers at present from.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Yo^r^ : Most humble & Obedient Servants
ROBERT FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

P.S.—The Governour of this place is now raiseing a ffortificac̃on in this Town to defend it against Cap^ta^ : Lessly or y^e^ : King of Syams people w^ch^ : according to Rumour will Speedily bee hear but wee can Scarce Credit that because of y^e^ : Monsoons being contrary ; Just now Imported a great Dutch Ship from Batavia Loaden w^th^ : Rice ; they buy up Slaves Innumerable for some new plantac̃on : but where Know not.

I.D. R: F.
T : H.

CODALOUR Y^E : 22^D : MARCH 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^BLE : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A : COUNCELL IN FORT S^T : GEORGE.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

No. 100. Haveing Just now received advice from our Merchants (they comeing hear upon a visit) that Timmage Puntulo a new Subidar put in y^e : place (lately) of Gopul Pundit is at Chellimbrum ; and is makeing what Speed possible can bee hither (being put in by Cashee Puntulo who is in y^e : place now of Harja Raja from whom Gopull Pundit is fled and comeing hither (being now on the other side y^e : River) and tis expected wee shall meet w^th : noe Small trouble therefore humbly request you would please to forward what hands you can immediatly for y^e : Security of y^e : R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : Concernes w^ch : wee will endeavour to Defend w^th : y^e : hazard of o^r : lives (tho must needs confess are very loansome) this designe has been carryd on soe privately till now w^ch : by our best endeavours shall Studdy what possible to prevent w^th : y^e : Speedy assistance desired from you ; w^ch : w^th : my humble respects is y^e : needfull from.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Yo^r : most humble & Obed^t : Servant
RALPH INGRAM.

CONIMEER Y^E : 26^TH : MARCH 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R :
PRESIDENT &C^A : COUNCELL IN FORT S^T : GEORGE.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

No. 101. These Serve cheifly to advice you ; that about 3 days agoe there came a Ship belonging to y^e : King of Syam ; into Pullicherry Road man'd w^th : all Englishmen ; that y^e : Commander after some discourse w^th : y^e : French Director, went on board againe ; weighs his anchor and sets Saile out of y^e : Road, The result of his discourse was that Since hee came into y^e : Road w^th : English Colours hee should saile out of Sight ; and then returne into y^e : Road againe w^th : ffrench Colours ; this news came from Maistre Anthony their cheife Dubash's own mouth discoursing after this manner amongst y^e : Merchants there from whom wee came to hear it ; wee have reason to Suspect y^e ; Mounsieurs designe Viz^t : Protect them from o^r : Ships but Since their designs are discover'd their is a reamidy for that discourse runs there are 6 Ships more dayly expected w^ch : intend to hover about y^e : Coast ; and that they are resolv'd to fight any of o^r : Ships they meet w^th : but wee can hardly think them to bee soe bold & rash ; Pullicherry is their Rendesvouz soe that if wee had but any Ships either at this place or Codalour wee might certainly at one time or other meet w^th : them ; for noe vessells at y^e : Present can Stir for fear of these Piraticall rovers that soe much infect these Seas wee have sent privatly to Pullicherry if possible to learn farther of their designes, and then shall farther advice about it.

Harge Raja is out of imployment and a new man come down in his place from Rama Rasu, hee is now at Chingie ; hee is very severe and Strict in his proceedings ; Gopull Pundit & Sancroge are fled for it ; and wee beleive y^e : rest of y^e : Subidars will follow ; for hee has brought a great traine of Creatures along w^th : him all gaping for Imploys. Wee Know not but that it might bee very convenient to congratulate him into his new place w^th : Some Small present Especially hee being soe near us as hee is ; and may expect it but for this must awaite your orders till when shall remaine Silent, in the mean time wee Remaine.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Your Most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

MADAPOLLAM Y^E : 16^TH : MARCH 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

TO THE HON^BLE : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R :
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR OF FORT S^T : GEORGE &C^A : COUNCELL.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :

Wee have two Generalls from your hon^r : &c^a : to answere y^e : ℔mo : bareing date y^e : 17^th : January re~ed y^e : 29^th : y^e : latter of y^e : 16^th : last month received y^e : 8^th : d^o : our Merchants hath been acquainted w^th : your orders to us ; to press them to take off y^e : Europe goods of this ffactory in barter for Callicoes and that y^e : Conimeer Merchants have taken off 30000 : Pag^as : in truck w^th : out any money at all deliverd them or any Excusses made to deliver it whereto they answered us that y^e : tymes are Soe bad that no trade is open or Safe ; and besides y^e : Missery of y^e : ffamine their persons & Estates are not Secure in their habitacons : under w^ch : Calamityes they Say y^e : Merchants of Conimeer are not ; that place being in peace and plenty and free from y^e : Mogulls Invasion ; they tells us that they have lost 60 half p^s : of broadcloth w^ch : they had Sent up to Sell at Gulcondah and that till Such tymes as ye : troubles in y^e : Countrey are at an End, they cannot adventure upon takeing any more Europe goods. No. 102.

There are now Embaled of Severall Sorts of goods 96 bales ; and about 20 bales more at y^e : washers w^ch : in a few dayes will bee brought in ; and these are all they can promise to bring in. Please to direct us how they Shall bee Sent up to you ; feareing if wee should load them upon Country boates they may bee forced back as y^e : last yeares goods w^ch : were afterwards Laden upon y^e : Ship Speedwell, and Sloop Thomas or that they may bee in danger of y^e : King of Syams vessells w^ch : are at Vizagapatam and y^e : Gingerlee Coast and have destroyed and taken Severall vessells there.

The Ship Tobaccolee departed hence y^e : 14^th : Jan^ry : and is Since return'd not being able to gett about due Point ; putting ashoar at Metchlepatam Goods shee had taken in there wee have order'd y^e : Timbers to bee taken out of her ; and if y^e : owner will put to Sea againe when y^e : Land winds Set in wee shall relade them, if not then demand back y^e : ffreight paid him by y^e : boatman who first Laded them on their boates. Wee have writ for a Supply of money from Metchlepatam w^ch : they advice they cannot doe ; the horses wee have offered to Sale to Some Moores horsemen but they offer not half of their Cost Europe goods alsoe at an underrate but cannot dispose of one half peece.

Wee have not been in any trouble here as yett what may happen if y^e : Mogull takes Gulcondah & deposes y^e : King wee Know not ; wee fear y^e : worst in regard of y^e : bussiness of Bengall is discoursed amongst y^e : Countrey people and y^e : Dutch ; wee have noe other news from Gulcondah then what is from y^e : Buzar to w^ch : little Credit can bee given ; y^e : Govern^ts : of y^e : Countrey in these parts are all in their Station when wee understand they are upon fflight ; y^e : Security of y^e : R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : Concernes ; and our Safety is to bee doubted all Tappas and advices from Gulcondah are Stoped ; noe Intelligence from thence haveing [arr^d :] here for a mo^th : past as wee are informed.

Coppys of y^e : Consultacons Diary Acco^t : Cash and Stewards acco^t : for y^e : Mo^ths : of January & ffebru^ry : are Sent enclosed.

Richard Brereton desires leave to come up to y^e : ffort when y^e : Gen^ll : books are made up Samuell Wales alsoe requests y^e : Same Expecting this year Some persone Empoured from England to come upon y^e : Ships to conclude M^r : George Uricles bussiness wherein hee is Concerned as an overSeer w^ch : w^th : o^r : most humble Services present conclude these from.

Hon^ble : S^r : &c^a :
Your Most humble Servants

SAMUELL WALES.
RICHARD BRERETON.
SAMUELL SWYNOCK.

METCHLEPATAM Y^E: 16^TH: MARCH 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

To the Hon^BLE: William Gyfford Esq^R:
President & Govern^R: &c^A: Councell.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

No. 103. Our last to you was of y^e: 12^th: Curr^t: y^e: Cheife occasion of this is from a Message lately received from o^r: great Governour and Connaca Ankana; Concerning y^e: Ship Diamond, under Charge of James Hawkes w^ch: by agreement & orders was to bee brought to this Port; but hee has acted Contrary and carryed her to yours w^ch: like to prove great Loss to y^e: owners of y^e: Cargoe; as alsoe bring an unnessesary charge upon y^e: Ship & Trouble upon us; Rice being now worth in this place 30 pag^as: ℔ candy w^ch: is $\frac{1}{4}$ part of your Garss and dayly riseing; Soe y^e: owner expects to have y^e: Same prices for his; and whereas James Hawkes pretends money due to him the owners did engage it Should bee paid him upon his arrivall hither w^ch: hee Seemed well contented w^th: before went hence; and if hee now doubts thereof; there is cloth enough on board y^e: Ship Consigned to him may Sell soe much as hee pleases but y^e: Rice belongs to other people & must not bee touch'd.

The Dutch Lady Van Rogers wife Still troubles us about M^r: Tillotsons debt and tells us shee has received a Letter from y^e: Hon^ble: President the Import of w^ch: is that Robert ffreeman has his orders for y^e: payment of y^e: money but Showes noe Such thing; therefore wee give noe Credit thereto but wish one way or other her mouth were Stop'd; for in it Shee carrys an Implacable tongue.

The Dutch Ship that lately Imported here from Batavia brings news of a Conspiracy against them at Bantam w^ch: was w^th: in few minutes of takeing *Effect; but miraculously discover'd y^e: old King & all y^e: Nobles of that place* were by y^e: Dutch Soone found guilty y^e: old King Banished to y^e: Cape Bona Esperanca for his life time y^e: others dispersed to Severall remote plantacõns and Some Executed one great Prince brought hither; but how they intend to dispose of him Know not as yet y^e: young King remaines in his place; but under Strict Guard; the reality of this wee cannot judge of; more then that it appears like a Dutch peece of policy and noe whit Strange; they are raiseing new ffortificacõns: in Bantam to make it invincible. The new[s] of Gulcondah is diversity soe think not fit to insert any here; beleiveing you may have soe good intelligence as our Selves only from y^e: Dutch wee are Inform'd twill certainly bee lost in few dayes to y^e: Mogull; This place Enjoyes peace and quietness as yet tho fear'd by most a Suddaine alteracõn may happen; The ffamine Rages Sorely and y^e: people left dyes in proporcõn more then Ever; our greatest trouble is to gett victualls Especially ffowles w^ch: wee desire if any vessell bound for these parts you would please to Send us 3 or 400 hens; now with soe many Rupees here; and not to bee procured for ten times y^e: money not more offers worth your notice at present, when doth shall bee sure to bee adviced by.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your Most humble & Obed^t: Serv^ts:
Robert Freeman.
Timothy Harris.

MERGEN MARCH Y^E: 1^ST: 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

To the Right Hon^BLE William Gyfford
President the Worp^LL: Elihu Yale
&c^A: Councell in Fort S^t: George.

S^rs:

No. 104. Myne by y^e: Delight or its duplicate by y^e: ffrench Conveiance is I doubt not arrived you Since w^ch: his Ma^tie: of Syams ffriggot cruiseing on his Enimies Coast of Pegu there met w^th: y^e: Ship Nosa Senhora de Monte De S^t: Thome

Gabriell de Rosairo Commander who on Examinacon was found to belong to your Port & by vertue of your pass claimed a R^{tt} to your Protection w^{ch} : y^{e} : Govern^{r} & Councell of this Province readily assented to ; as reasonable and agreable wth : y^{e} : Possitive Commands of his Emperiall Ma^{tie} : as appears by y^{e} : Standing Rules for y^{e} : management of his present Warrs against y^{e} : King of Gulcondah and Pegu his declared Enimys wherein all Europe nations and all that have a Legall R^{tt} : to their protection are Excepted ; but y^{e} : Govern^{r} : and Councell of this Province being informed that y^{e} : Port from whence the Ship last Sailed from y^{e} : Coast was Narsepore; they thought good to order y^{e} : Commander to give them a particular acco^{t} : of their Lading Passengers &c^{a} : wth : y^{e} : names of their Proprietors; amongst w^{ch} : was found Twenty nine passengers and Native Subjects of Golcondah who were Commanded on Shoar and detained as Prisoners of Warr. The rest were all owned by y^{e} : owners of y^{e} : Ship and Ships Comp^{a} : w^{ch} : were all freed for that reason and y^{e} : Commander p^{d} : his demand of Six pag^{d} : ℔head Tally Cooley for fores^{d} : Prisoners ; and y^{e} : Ship in Twenty fower hours on her intended Voyage to Pegu.

This Gentlemen I thought myself obliged to acquaint you y^{e} : Truth off that noe biast Informacons may induce you to beleive that there is intended by y^{e} : people of this place any thing less then Such a due respect to your Passes or other yo^{r} : Concerns as may [preserve] y^{e} : Amity between them & y^{e} : R^{tt} : hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : soe long continued whereto if my poor endeav^{rs} : can any waies contribute ; please to bee assured they shall never faile to bee Sincerly imployed therein ; and whatever else may Entitle [me] to y^{e} : Style of.

R^{tt} : Hono^{ble} : &c^{a} :
Your Very humble Servant
SAMUELL WHITE.

PUDDECHERY MARCH Y^{E} : 26TH : 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Right Honourable S^{r} :

Haveing y^{e} : oppertunity of y^{e} : Pattamar that carries this dispatched by Mounsieur de Leandres for Madrass this morning thought it our dutys if worth yo^{r} : hon^{rs} : notice, to acquaint yo^{r} : hon^{r} : that wee y^{e} : Subscribers arrived at this Port; last Thirsday night; in y^{e} Ship Adventure; Nathaniell Carter Commander; from Mergen where being informed of a Warr declared by y^{e} : R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : against y^{e} : King of Syam. The Commander went immediatly on Shoar to conferr wth : Gentlemen of this place about delivering y^{e} : Ship and Cargoe into their Custody and to we[a]re ffrench Colours if any English Ship Should happen to come this way ; but findeing noe protection from them came off againe about midnight; warneing us &c^{a} : passengers immediatly to repair on Shoar unless wee intended to returne wth : him not wth : Standing as a Subject to his Ma^{tie} : of England wee endeavoured but in vaine to perswade him to a timely Surrender of himself and what else in his Custody belonging to y^{e} : Enimies ; but Contrary hee gave us soe shorte time for performance of this his Suddaine and unexpected orders that wee could not land what little wee had no board of o^{r} : owne w^{ch} : wee rather chose to loose then any ways incurr y^{e} : R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : displeasure by Serveing those their Enimies to y^{e} : discredit in Gen^{ll} : of all Englishmen. The afores^{d} : Ship y^{e} : next morning before day weighed Anchor in order to Returne from whence shee came; being about four hundred Tunns burthen haveing only two Europe men on board and formerly belonging to Don Josep Xheradia. No. 105.

S^{r} : Could wee have any wayes procured a Conveiance wee should have sooner complyed wth : this o^{r} : obligacon intending as Soone as possible wee can to Present ourSelves at yo^{r} : hon^{rs} : feet; where hopeing your goodness will extend to a charitable Consideracon of our persons that as yet never exacted any

thing that might tend to y^e^: prejudice of y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: w^ch^: at Present is what offers from

R^tt^: Hon^ble^:
Your Most ffaithfull & Obedient
humble Serv^ts^:
ARTHUR RICHARDS.
JOSEPH LINDO.

HIGILLE Y^E^: 28^TH^: FEBRUARY 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

To THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE
& CITTY OF MADRASS &C^A^: COUNCELL FOR THE
R^TT^: HON^BLE^: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A^: ON THE
COAST OF CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALL &C^A^:

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

No. 106 Our last to your hon^r^: &c^a^: was on y^e^: 23^d^: of Ex^ber^: from Chutanutea coppy of w^ch^: comes now Inclosed; In y^e^: Same you have an acco^t^: of all requisite to that time after w^ch^: an answere came down from y^e^: Nabob to Boremull the Phousdar and another; and another in respect to our large demands Sent up; w^ch^: he would noe ways grant; but Referred y^e^: Matter to those three; to bee conferred on w^th^: us and Such Conditions as they should bring us too; hee would certainly confirme; Upon y^e^: w^ch^: they came downe to us at Chutanutea, where Sundry Conferences and debates were held about y^e^: Premises and at last finally concluded & agreed too; as Contain'd in these Twelve Articles Viz^t^:

1^st^: That wee should have a Phirmaund to trade Custome ffree as formerly allowing a Piscash yearly of Three Thousand Rupees till w^ch^: were confirmed to pay neither Custome nor Piscash.

2^d^: The Forty four Thousand Rupees taken from us at Dacca upon the acco^t^: of y^e^: Picars should bee restored.

3^d^: The Twelve Thousand Rupees taken from our Merchants at Hugly last year upon a falce acco^t^: of Custome Should bee restored.

4^th^: That Malda Factory Should bee rebuilt for us & wee repossesed of y^e^: same.

5^th^: All y^e^: Debts owing us in y^e^: Countrey should by their assistance bee brought into us.

6^th^: Haveing fully demonstrated and declared our unwillingness ever to Returne to Hugly again to hold our head ffactory there that wee should choose any two places in Bengall for our Setling two ffactorys on and they should bee granted us w^th^ Immunitie & Priviledges for holding of Townes & Buzzars w^th^: a considerabl Spot of Ground to each of them.

7^th^: To have y^e^: Mint brought to Hugly; to y^e^: end our Treasure may bee Coined there as at Surrat that wee may bee immediatly furnished w^th^: money to carry on our bussiness; w^ch^: wee cannot doe at Rajamaul it being at Such a distance and takeing up soe much time in Sending our Treasure to & fro besides y^e^: delayes at the Mint, for want of w^ch^: moneys wee are forced to take up great Sums at Interest to y^e^: Comp^as^: great loss; besides y^e^: danger of Stormes & Robberies in goeing and comeing in y^e^: Countrey boats.

8^th^: That none of our Merchants or Servants bee Protected upon any pretence whatsoever by y^e^: Govern^rs^: and if any difference should happen to arise betwist us and any of y^e^: Merchants wee deale w^th^: all; that it may bee arbitrated by two or four Merchants of each chooseing and that no horsmen or Peons of y^e^: Govern^rs^; bee at any times Set upon our Gates to give us disturbance or to Stop any of our Provisions goeing in or out but that they Shall bee Commanded to assist and forward our bussiness to y^e^: utmost of their power.

9^th^: That our own dusticks alone may bee Sufficient for passing o^r^: goods both by Land & water; w^th^: out any of y^e^: Govern^rs^: and that wee may bee permitted to

pass the Sooner; wee may have y^e^: Liberty of beating a Drum to give notice to y^e^: Chowkedars that they may not hail o^r^: boats ashoar and that no Gotborow shall bee demanded of us; or any other duties by water or by Land.

10^th^: That no Imposition bee put upon us as to y^e^: Sale of our goods & Treasure.

11^th^: That our Gomastahs & Servants bee permitted to build houses where they please w^th^: out molesta$\tilde{c}$on.

12^th^: The Twenty Thousand Rupees deposited in Goloobrays hands by Agent Hedges for y^e^: Procureing a Phirmaund bee returned.

The w^ch^: they all Signed in behalf of the Nabob; and promised they Should bee confirm'd in Twelve dayes tyme; w^ch^: time being doubly expired contrary to his own writeing; and his Muttsuddies agreement w^th^: us to y^e^: admira$\tilde{c}$on of all the Country comes down very angry Phirwannaes from y^e^: Nabob on his Muttsuddies for agreeing to Such Termes; w^ch^: hee would never grant; therefore orderd them to Expell us y^e^: Countrey w^th^: out; wee would accept of Such Termes as hee Should think fit to grant us.

This wee are Credibly inform'd was brought about by y^e^: underhand Bribery of y^e^: Dutch promiseing y^e^: Nabob Considerable forces to Keep us out; and this carried on by their wicked Instrument Abdulgunny.

Upon y^e^: w^ch^: wee immediatly Proclaimed Warr and Sent y^e^: Nabob up y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Letter to him w^th^; Translate; and thereupon burnt y^e^: Kings Salt houses; assaulted and took Tanna Forts on y^e^: 11^th^: instant w^th^: Small loss; tho y^e^: Same were well fortified against us; The greatest damage was from a great Shot placed on y^e^ Beaufort; that carryed a mans Legg off and wounded another; and two or Three more Shot on one of our Sloops w^th^: four or five men slightly wounded upon y^e^: assault; wee Killed them about Sixteen men; besides what wounded; in y^e^: Forts were found eight great Gunns; Most of them Twelve pounders; and Twenty Six Pattareroes at y^e^: Same time Sent an order to y^e^: forces at Ballasore; to Seaze upon all y^e^: Ships there about Seven and to annoy y^e^: Enimy as much as they could w^ch^: wee are informed they have done Effectually.

Upon y^e^: Reports of this comes a Message down from Boremull in behalf of y^e^: rest of y^e^: Mutsuddies; desireing us to desist from ruining and destroying y^e^: Kings Countrey & his people for ten dayes and they would all unanimously Petition y^e^: Nabob on our behalf; y^e^: w^ch^: wee againe Consented top, and left that place after wee had blown up and defaced y^e^: Forts; acquainting them that wee were bound down for Hegelie; w^ch^: wee would take and ffortifie; if matters were not Settled in time; soe accordingly arrrived here yesterday w^th^: o^r^: ffleet & Forces & Twelve dayes being now expired Since o^r^: last promise w^th^: out any news from y^e^: Nabob and his Mutsuddies; wee are now possessed of y^e^: Islands & Forts of Higelie w^ch^: upon o^r^: approach was deserted by y^e^: Govern^rs^: and his forces Carrying w^th^: what of their amunition they could Conveniently haveing only left behind them 9 ps of Cannon; y^e^ designe of y^e^: Maine Fort is indifferently well laid; and w^th^: a Small charge may bee made Tenable against Considerable fforces; Even y^e^: best assaults of y^e^: Dutch; should it Soe happen.

Matters thus Standing if they Comply not to o^r^: Conditions; wee Shall bee capable of doeing them Mischeife enough; and Since now that wee have gotten a hold to retire too wee Shall bee prepareing for further expedition against y^e^: Government this Summer; and as occasion offers Shall Prosecute o^r^: designes on Chyttegam.

And Considering there is no more Shipping nor forces arrived from England Since last year as formerly adviced off wee doe desire your hon^r^: &c^a^: would bee pleased to Supply us w^th^: all Manner of necessaries and utensills w^th^: what Shipping you can for y^e^: carrying on this Warr; Lascarrs wee shall want in great numbers; and Materials for building & destroying of fforts; as Pickaxes showells & hoes &c^a^: w^th^: a good Engineer Swords Bandeleers fire locks & Match; Iron Shot from three to one & half pound; Cables from fourteen inches to

Seaven; and other Small Rigging; Plank three & four Inches; Carriages for Guns Iron Barrs flat & Square.

Wee are at great loss for advices from Surrat haveing not heard from them Since September last tho wee have writt to them by all occasions from hence by Sea & Land w^ch^: give us much to beleive that our Letters are intercepted by y^e^: Government being a thing very practicable w^th^: them; therefore pray interchange advices betwixt them & us as often as you can; for whatever wee conclude on hear if matters are not agreed upon betwist them & y^e^: King there; it will bee to little purpose; wee have Some flying reports by way of y^e^: Dutch & the Jesuits that they have left Surrat and Seazed on Sundry of their Shipping at Swallow.

Wee have one ffavour more to desire of your hon^r^: &c^a^: that whereas y^e^: great uncertainties & delayes wee have been under w^th^: y^e^: Government Since our Leaveing Hugly would not Suffer us to Spare any of our Shipping to Transmit our uncertaine advices for England in time to y^e^: Fort to goe home by y^e^: Josiah and George; and not Knowing of any other oppertunity now; wee desire your Hon^rs^: &c^a^: (if any should happen unknown to us) to give their hon^rs^: as full acco^t^: of affaires as wee have all along adviced you off.

For y^e^: Same reasons wee could not comply w^th^: Sending your hon^r^; &c^a^: y^e^: Rice and Shipping promised; tho wee have by this occasion of y^e^: Pearl Sent you four hundred maund of Rice according to Invoice and bill of Lading.

Haggerston whom wee thought went home last year on y^e^: Interloper Andeluzia has been all this while at Court; and is now Return'd w^th^: a Phirmaund from the King on y^e^: Nabob for his Demands on us.

Bee Pleased to Send us a Larger Comp^as^: Seal then wee now have Seeing none Such can bee made here at Present, wee Stand in need alsoe of your Methods Rules and orders practiced at y^e^: Fort in holding a Court of Judicature or Admiralty w^th^: Court Martiall & other by Laws and Rules practiced in Garrisons; the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^; Recommended us to Such as Should be Transmitted us from y^e^: Fort for that end; tho none are yet arrived; not else but wee are.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your Most humble Servants
Job Charnock.
Francis Ellis.
John Nicholson.
Samuell Griffith.
Edward Oxborough.

Cuddalour Y^e^: 30^th^: March 1687.

To the Hon^ble^: William Gyfford Esq^r^:
President & Govern^r^: &c^a^: Councell in Fort S^t^: George.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

No. 107 These only Serve for Covert to y^e^: inclosed w^ch^: y^e^: new Subidar (from whome y^e^: 28^th^: Curr^t^: received a vissite w^th^: all imaginable promises of ffriendship in all affaires Relateing to our R^t^: Hon^ble^: Employers) desired might bee forwarded to you w^th^: y^e^: presentac̃on of my most humble Service Subscribe.

Last night received advices
from Porto Novo of y^e^: arrivall
of the Loyall Adventure; alsoe
M^r^: James Wheeler.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: Most humble & Obedient Serv^t^:
Ralph Ingram.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM TIMAWJEE PUNTEWLEW SOBADAR OF PORTO NOVO GOODAWSOORE &C^{A} : TO Y^{E} : HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM GYFFORD OF NOE DATE RECED. Y^{E} · 13TH APRILL 1687.

I am in health and shall bee glad to hear of your hon^{r}: by his Maj^{ties}: appointment I am come Sobadar of these parts and Since my arrivall your people at Goodatoore have invited & had mee to y^{e}: ffactorie and made mee to welcome that they have pleased mee heartily Cashawvah Puntewlew had always a great respect for Europeans and doubt not if his Excellency come to See you hee'l bee forthwth: pleas'd wth: or have a greater respect of Europea[n]s then before If yo^{r}: hon^{r}: will but augment your Trade so that y^{e}: Divans Incomes bee increased yo^{r}: affaires will bee carryed on wth: more ffreedome & Liberty then formerly. Cashawvah [Pun]tewlew in a few dayes will bee here of whome your people may then informe yo^{r}: hon^{r}: more Larger yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: an understanding man therefore I need not enlarge only desire yo^{r}: hon^{r}: will Vouch Safe mee yo^{r}: ffavour farewell. No. 108.

CONIMEER Y^{E}: 5TH: APRILL 1687.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT &C^{A}: COUNCELL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Honourable S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Haveing had Some advice of moment from Pullicherry 'tis our duties to impart y^{e}: Same to you. No. 109.

The French by advice overland from Surat: that President Childe, haveing privatly Sent orders on board y^{e}: English Ships rideing in Swallow, that what force could possibly bee Spar'd from them should bee sent ashoar; only just Sufficient to Secure y^{e}: Ships to Remaine on board; his orders were accordingly performed and y^{e}: men being come ashoar wth: them & wth: what other force hee could raise; in y^{e}: Evening hee went to y^{e}: Govern^{rs}: house wth: a designe purposely to Quarrell wth: him, hee wanted not matter for that purpose; soe after Some high words passing betwixt them President Child left him about 12 a clock at night; y^{e}: President wth: force hee had fell upon y^{e}: most eminent and Richest Moores houses in the Citty and managed his bussiness soe well that hee seized upon 5 millions of Rupees forced his way throw all opposition and Safely wth: all this Treasure: other Concernes and wth: all his men got on board Ship; pray God this news bee true: but may have Some reason to think it soe; for wee Suppose y^{e}: ffrench would hardly bee soe forward to Report Such a Story; soe much to o^{r} advantage; were it not true; were it any thing to o^{r}: loss or discredit wee might then reasonable think they would inlarge invent and make y^{e}: worst of all things; but wee cant think what advantage they could make of this Supposeing it to bee falce however wee leave it to our better Judgment haveing perform'd our duty in adviceing you thereof.

Our Chingee Subidar wth: all y^{e}: rest of y^{e} other Subidars comeing into the great Castle of Chingee to give K[e]swia Pontulo (the new man that came down in Harge Rajas Place) a vissit hee begins plainly to tell them hee expected 5 ℔ Cent advance upon all y^{e}: rents of y^{e}: Countrey they Excuse it as well as they can, but this wont doe; tis not accepted; they are all confinde Prisoners and farther to fright them: a most terible barber is produced (hee was Savage barber) this man Says K[e]swia is come downe wth: orders from y^{e}: King that all persons whatsoever that had any beards; if they had a mind to Keep them upon their faces, they should pay 5 pag^{as}; for the Priviledges; if not M^{r}: Shaver was at hand ready to trime them; for continues hee, Somboje is dead lately and tis the Kings order y^{e}: whole Countrey must mourne for him; w^{ch}: was to bee performed by Shaveing their faces or paying y^{e}: forfiture; this it seems extreamly affected y^{e}:

venerable bearded Auditory; and soe affrighted them they Consent to advance the 5 ℔ Cent now, and soe for the present were dismist being permitted to March out of y^e^: Castle; w^th^: their beards as they came in; wee don't hear as yet that the barber is enter'd into the practicall part of his office, wee Suppose him as a reserve upon extraordinary occasion the Story has Something of divertion in it, but however you may please to Observe what a Kind of a cunning Shaver is come down to Governe the Countrey now.

M^r^: King being ill; and not finding any thing of benifit from M^r^: Grudgfield; desires you will please to permit him to come to the Fort to Seek a cure there.

Wee Remember nothing more materiall at present till wee hear from you; soe at present conclude these and Remaine.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your Most humble Servants
JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

METCHLEPATAM Y^E^: ULTM^O^:
MARCH 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^: COUNCILL.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

No. 110. Our last to you was of y^e^: 16^th^: Curr^tt^: Since w^ch^: on y^e^: 26^th^: arrived here y^e^: Rebecca w^th^: three Sloopes and brought us your Generall dated y^e^: 14^th^: understand you wonder at our Long silence; y^e^: reason for w^ch^: is already rendred you and doubt not but ere this yo^u^: are better Satisfied; haveing Since Robert Freemans recovery miss'd noe oppertunity of adviseing you y^e^: State of affaires in these parts; The Rebecca comeing to Anchor in this Roade; fell foul of y^e^: Sloope Gingerlee and broak away her Bol[t]sprit and head; y^e^: former wee have gott mended; w^ch^: occasioned their Stay till y^e^: 30^th^: Curr^tt^: and then they all saild for Bangall; here was a report of Cap^ta^: Lessly being off Ramlipatam w^ch^: if could have been well Confirm'd Cap^tn^: Batten was resolv'd to Stood back againe and Sought for him; but findeing noe Certainty hee is proceeded as afores'd.

Wee take notice yo^r^: Intentions of Sending a Shipp to cleare away these three neighbouring Factoryes w^ch^: cannot but very well like off, for y^e^: times are dangerous and y^e^: diversity of news creates many feares; tho as yet wee enjoy peace & Quietness. The want of good victualls being y^e^: only missery wee undergoe, therefore shall remove all according to yo^r^: order upon y^e^: Ships arrivall & dispatch her for Madapollam w^th^: what expedicon possible. Wee have allready adviced you y^e^: Small Quantity of Goods that are in readiness here; about twenty Bales Sallempores & Dimityes Some comes in dayly by little & little; but y^e^: Mortallity of washers, & Scarcity of Graine is Such wee cannot get more done; the Rice wee give out to Conjee y^e^: cloth is Soon Converted to another use & eaten up; and wee are not able to prevent it w^th^: all y^e^: care that possible can bee taken, soe that wee think best to bring away our Chay Goods as they are browne; w^ch^: may bee easily Cur'd w^th^: you.

Here is a Sett of Surgions Instruments w^e^: belong'd to Doctor Atkins but for want of good looking after are much Spoyl'd; Some are good & fit for use; soe as they are shall bring them w^th^: us; as alsoe y^e^ Ballance of o^r^: Book's, and acco^t^: Curr^t^: beleiveing y^e^: 30^th^: of Aprill may bee expired before y^e^: winds alow us to Saile hence the Books shall not bee closed according to yo^r^: order.

Wee finde you have alter'd yo^r^: resolves of Sending y^e^: Prospect and intend y^e^: Trivetore w^ch^: being bigger is better and beleive Shee will bee little enough to

bring up all y^{e}: Rubbish that is to come if a Totall [*sic*] y^{e}: remove made by y^{e}: Marryed Folks wee Shall hasten what possible leys in our power, tho fear shall hardly bee able to dispatch soe early as you may Expect wee can, hear noe new[s] from Mounsieur Guety; nor what is like to become of that money in his hands; for y^{e}: news of these part please to bee refer'd to y^{e}: enclosed paper; thinking it not proper or worth placeing in a Generall Letter and not haveing more to add worthy yo^{r}: notice wee conclude.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your Most humble & Obedient Servants

Rob^{t}: Freeman.

Timothy Harris.

News.

Gulcondah: Advices from y^{e}: Dutch bareing date y^{e}: 22^{d}: Curr^{t}: new Still is that y^{e} Mogulls Army Lays close under y^{e}: Walls of y^{e}: Fort; a Skirmish happned 4 dayes past between them & y^{e}: Gulcondah King; about 400 Slaine but y^{e}: Major part y^{e}: Mogulls among w^{ch}: a Great Generall (his name not mentioned) but y^{e}: ℔son that did great Service against Vizapore and made it to Surrender; the Mogull very Sorrowfull for his death and Sweares to revenge it either by y^{e}: loss of his own life or takeing this Kingdome w^{ch}: is Generally beleiv'd cannot hold out above 10 or 15 dayes longer; y^{e}: Gulcondah King Seraglis of women desire to Remove out y^{e}: Fort; but leave will not bee granted, Meirza Mamim a Councellor of State and one of y^{e}: Genneralls of y^{e}: Army is fled to y^{e}: Mog^{ll}: Bagnagar is in rest under y^{e}: Mogulls Government; but many y^{e}: Inhabitants fled and those remaining not wth: out fear; Graine is much Cheaper in y^{e}: Mogulls then in Gulcondah; the former 5 y^{e}: latter 3 ℔ rupee; the Small pox like a Contagion is in both armyes, w^{ch}: Sweeps away many; report is that Sulton Vebar Sonne to Oranzeb by a 2^{d}: wife (who fled from him some years past to Suajee) has taken y^{e}: advantage in his ffathers absence to enter into y^{e}: heart of Industan; where hee encreases his Strength by y^{e}: Gentues who are all for him; his Mother desending from that Stem; w^{ch}: conditionally upon Marryage was promised by y^{e}: Mogull that if any heir from her body it Should Sway y^{e}: Septer; tis Said this advices puts him into a Consternacon: but y^{e}: trust hereof is dubious; Close guards are Kept round Bagnagar and all Letters intercepted; none can pass but by accident in manner & habit of a Fakeir begging Some dayes through y^{e}: Camp. No. 111.

Metchlepatam: Y^{e}: Avaldar of this place Mahom^{d}: Rafeek Strengthens himself dayly by entertaining into his Service all sorts of people that will accept thereof has carryed Severall Guns from y^{e}: Banksall and mounted about his house at Goodra; the reason for his soe doeing not Known; but Supposed tis to Secure y^{e}; great Some of money hee has extorted Since his comeing down Severall great Gentues in these adjacent parts being in Armes & Robb at their pleasure.

Bengall: A Peon belonging to this Factory Sett out from Ballasore y^{e}: 2^{d}. Curr^{t}: and arrived here y^{e}: 24th; acquaints us y^{e}: English had been fighting wth: y^{e}: Moores 6 dayes & nights together just before his leaveing y^{e}: place & quite demolished y^{e}; towne by fire Kild all Sorts of people that come in their way; and plundred it of Some Lacks of Rupees; afterwards left y^{e}: Shoar & betook themselves to y^{e}: Shipping in y^{e}: Road, after w^{ch}: y^{e} Moores came in & demolished the English Factory. The Agent Cap^{ta}: Nicholson &c^{a}: Remaine in y^{e}: River of Hugly Cap^{ta}: Brumwell Cap^{ta}: March &c^{a}: in Ballasore Road; the peon that brings this news came away wth: out any Letters being forced to fly for his life; all y^{e}: English Servants that y^{e}: Moores get they put to death; tis talked here by y^{e}: Moores in these parts that y^{e}: Mogull has an acco^{t}: of our barbarous actions there & that noe reconsiliation will ever bee betwixt us and him.

METCHLEPATAM Y^E: 29^TH: MARCH 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R: &C^A: COUNCELL AT FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hono^ble: S^r: &c^a:

No. 112. That morning I Saild from Madrass of a Pullicat I met w^th: the Courtana Cap^ta: Welden; who I question not but was w^th: your hon^r: that night; and from this place I Steer'd a direct Course for Deiu Point y^e: w^ch: wee doubled on Saterday y^e: 26^th: about noone; and about 4 a cloak anchor'd in this Road where was rideing a great Dutch Ship and a Small Ship w^th: French Colours both w^ch: I examin'd; the Dutch man came from Batavia & bound for Pullicat, the other come from Batavia & bound for Pullicat; the other came from Bengall bound for Pullicherry w^ch: by reason of y^e: Strong S E^t: winds could not proceed; in this place y^e: Gingerlee Sloop unhappily come on board us & broak his bowSprit, y^e: w^ch: hath hindred mee two dayes time to repaire I thinking it not convenient to Saile w^th: out her & leave her in that Condition; y^e: 27^th: morning news came to M^r: Freeman that Leslie was at Ramepatam about 12 Leagues to y^e: N^o: ward of Armagon; at w^ch: news I was much troubled that I Should miss of him; by Keeping of to Sea, but I had noe Suspition of his being to y^e: S^o: ward of Metchlepatam; and y^e: reason of my Keeping soe far out was for that y^e: S: E wind blew Soe Strong that if wee fell into Pettepollee Bay; it would bee hard to beat it up to y^e point and y^e: Gingerlee Sloop being not able to carry much Saile; upon this news I was resolv'd to ply it back againe to him; untill yesterday Spoak w^th: Lascarr that Swam ashoar from him and hee Saies that hee did Swim a Shoar from him (a Little to y^e: S^o: ward of Ramepatam) in y^e: night & in y^e: morning went to y^e: Sea Side to look upon y^e: Ship but could not see her and therefore did beleive that shee was gone Somewhere else; but where hee could not tell; upon these uncertainties I did alter my former Resolucons: of plying back and y^e: Sloop being fitted am now proceeding according to yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: order for Bangall this being all at present that offers from.

Hono^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Yo^r: Most humble Servant
THOMAS BATTEN.

CUDDALORE Y^E: 17^TH: APRILL 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R: &C^A: COUNCELL IN FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

No. 113. Wee have received yo^rs: of y^e: 5^th: Curr^t: to y^e: needfull of w^ch: shall now respectfully reply.. The 1000 pag^os: you advice to bee Sent us the receipt of it was owned by M^r: Ingram in his of y^e: 24^th: February y^e: 500 pag^as: Sent Since by M^r: Davis wee have received for both w^ch: Some Shall Credit your acco^t: Curr^t:

Your Letter to y^e: Subidar was forwarded his to M^r: Davis (w^th: y^e: Translate thereof) wee have received; and observe y^e: Contents; and if it stands not w^th: your conveniency to Send us any Soldiers wee must make y^e: best Shift wee can w^th: out them; but think it would bee necessary that some vessell or other was constantly here for y^e: Security of ourSelves and y^e: R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^a: Concernes till y^e: Governm^t: of y^e: Countrey bee Settled of w^ch: Such various reports as wee Know not what to conclude on; the Mogulls forces (as wee are informed) being advanced as far as Ballapore (w^ch: Lyes distant from this place 24 Gentue Leagues) w^th: out any head made against them w^ch: was under y^e: Savages Government and tis dubious whether y^e: Countrey will bee Govern'd by Harja Raja or Cashee Puntulo (who as Report Speaks is order'd to Succeed him) and whether y^e: new Subidar Timmage Puntulo will continue or Gopull Pundit bee Sent to Subplant him; hee haveing privately Sent his orders from y^e: Camp (where hee now is w^th: Harja Raja) to all y^e: Renters & Petty Govern^rs: not to

bee accomptable to Timmage Puntulo for y^e^ : Rents of y^e^ : Countrey; but reserve it till hee comes; w^ch^ : they have soe far observ'd, as to abscon'd themselves from Timmage Puntulo who demanded it of them and this is y^e^ : needfull as to that affaire; w^ch^ : you may please to consider of; and order as you shall think fit.

Wee take notice of your confirmacon of y^e^ : Porto Novo Contract and have order'd the Merchants to proceed in y^e^ : bussiness for the compleating thereof as Soon as possible and have discoursed and used all arguments to oblige y^e^ : Cuddalore Merchants to receive y^e^ : Interest from the time of embaleing y^e^ : goods (that soe they might bee an example to them) but cannot doe it; and y^e^ : reasons they give us for not gratifieing our desires therein are that soe great a quantity of goods as agreed w^th^ : them for, are not to bee bought ready made and if they were must bee in advance of their money for them (wee haveing none to advance to them thereon) otherwise could not comply w^th^ : their Investment in time; not being men of Soe considerable Stocks as to carry on y^e^ : trade w^th^ :out being oblig'd to take up money at Interest for w^ch^ : they alow 15 ℔ Cent ℔ annñ; and therefore but reasonable to alow them Interest from y^e^ : time they were in advance of their money; they being considerable loosers thereby and by y^e^ Europe goods looseing for the Service y^e^ : R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : Six ℔ Cent by y^e^ : Interest they allowing it to them at 9 ℔ Cent Selling y^e^ : broadcloth (for w^ch^ : they now allow us 22½ Pag^as^ : ℔ half peece & proportionally for other goods of w^ch^ : they take off considerable quantitys) at pag^as^ : 12 ℔ half peece considering which loss they could by noe means gratifie our request as to matter of the Interest to w^ch^ : wee gave them for answere; that doubtless they were gainers by our trade (otherwise they would not give themselves the trouble thereof) therefore they would doe well to consider what proposed to them w^ch^ : would not only oblige the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : to a continuance but augmentacon thereof; but w^th^ :out they gave them greater encouragement for it; they were to expect noe more favour from them then their Neighbours, who are like to loss [*sic*] the benefit of their trade by not gratifieing them in what reasonable as what we have requested is and noe more then concluded to by them.

We Shall Credit yo^r^ : acco^t^ : Curr^t^ : for the amo^t^ : of y^e^ : Packing Stuff received ℔ Sloop James. What wood you order to bee provided shall bee done as Soone as possible and forwarded Sloop James being fitted Shall as Soon as wee can get her out of y^e^ : River dispatch her to Conimeer according to order.

Wee have taken into consideracon to Secure the Divans debt to the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : but can finde noe other expedient for it then deducting it out of y^e^ Customes these being a people not to bee obliged to refund any thing that they get in their hands.

Our Cheife Dubash Vincattee haveing requested leave to goe to y^e^ Fort, considering y^e^ : urgency of his bussiness (Matrimony) have thought fit to gratifie his request therein w^ch^ : w^th^ : our humble respects M^r^ : Davis who arrived here y^e^ : 4^th^ : Curr^t^ : Returnes you his humble thanks for yo^r^ : Kind reception & dismission of him, and for all other favours received from you w^ch^ : hee will bee ready upon all occasions most gratefully to acknowledge wee Remaine.

Wee desire you would please to Send us a particular acco^t^ : of y^e^ : Packing Stuff that soe wee may charge it accordingly and for what short shall clear of [to] the Proffit and Loss as wee have done by y^e^ : allum.

J. D.
R. I.
C. W.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Yo^r^ : most humble Obedient Servants

JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHR : WILSON.

SWALLY MARINE Y^E : 16^TH : FEBRUARY 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

To THE HON^BLE : WILLIAM GYFFORD PRESIDENT
FOR THE R^TT : HON^BLE : COMP^AS : AFFAIRES ON THE
COAST CORMANDEL, IN THE BAY OF BANGALL &C^A :
AND COUNCELL AT FORT S^T : GEORGE.

No. 114. Wee are w^th : four of yo^r : hon^rs : of y^e : 28^th : June 19^th : August 22^d : Octob^r : and 20^th : December for them all wee give you our hearty thanks, and Shall now give answere to them, and advice what w^th : us may bee worthy your Knowledges.

Wee have not been soe unfortunate this year as the last in the arrivall w^th : us of the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : Ships; but greatly soe unhappy in their soe late falling in w^th : us the 23^d : October the Worsester ffrigott came to us, and met w^th : great disapointm^ts : comeing out of England, was forced into the west of England and throughly y^e : great Mortallity of her men there; and contrary winds made it y^e : 7^th : Aprill last before Shee left ffalmouth; and brought us from y^e : R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : orders of noe fresher date then the 28^th : October last was twelve month; Shee touched noe where in her passage out had great mortallity of her men; that when shee arrived Bombay w^ch was the 23^d : Septemb^r what w^th : the Mortallity of her men and the many Sick on board her; was in a most Sad condition; Shee is a Ship on the new termes and being what wee acco^t : it much for the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : Service to incourage Such all wee can; w^th : a due respect to our Masters immediate Interest; gave her a voyage for the Mallabar Coast; thence to Persia and Soe hither; and may now w^th : Gods blessing hope dayly to See her; Charles the Second came to us the 10^th : passed month and brought us the fresh orders from the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^a : ; the 4^th : ditto the Rubie ffrigott arrived Bombay; was in Comp^a : w^th : the Tonqueen Merchant off of Digo de Graise; of whome wee have noe news to this day: God Send Shee bee Safe Shee hath on board her for the R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^as : acco^t : nearest £11000 : the Modena came to us the 3^d : Curr^t : ; lost in her passage 90 men; of the Emrald ffrigott we have noe news as yet; of all the Ships arrived from England and expected immediatly from thence wee have gave you an acco^t : and wee shall next proceed to give you an acco^t : of what Ship wee had w^th : us the last year the China Merchant Cap^ta : Utber Sayled away for England the 4^th : October last, a full and Rich laden Ship the Society Cap^ta : Gayer the ♆mo. December the Kent Cap^ta : Rawlings went hence w^th : Some bales on board her for the Mallabar Coast the 9^th : January; there to fill up w^th : Pepper and soe for England the Sampson Cap^ta : Ledger a full Laden Ship sayld hence the 11^th : Curr^t : wee hope the Divine Providence will Send them all a Safe and Seasonable arrivall w^th : our Masters the Welfare Cap^ta : Warren lyes ready to take in goods for England, awaites for the London her falling in w^th : us ; w^th : Pepper from the Mallabar Coast; that wee may reasonably by a very ordinary expectacõn w^th : Gods blessing expect every tyde when shee falls in w^th : us; wee shall w^th : all expedicõn dispatch the Welfare for England the Prudent Mary is not come to us yett; the ffaulkon halling ashoar on Bombay to trime proved in Such a bad condition; as there shee lyes; her men discharged by her Commander; Some of them are gone home and others taken Imployments in the Countrey; the London wee may very reasonably expect will bring w^th : her Pepper enough; Soe that wee designe y^e : Prudent Mary (God Sending her Safe to us) winter Ship for England.

It had not been amiss wee thinke for to have taken from M^r : Thomas Yale what Provissions hee might have brought; and lett them be Sent to y^e : R^tt : Hon^ble : Comp^a : that they might have Seen what they were; and considered of them but wee truely think this; that whilst that most naughty fellow Phaulkon is in fauvour w^th : y^e : King of Syam noe good must be expected for our nation their by any other wayes or means then by that course that hath been taken.

The Interlopers w^th : us are as Stiffe necked as those w^th : you at Durampet. The Kings Proclamacõn they have had delivered to them in Print; receiveing many of them by y^e : London and Success; but workes nothing on them; but

wee hope in a Short tyme for all their Phirmaund &c^{a}: that wee may [arrest?] them; Cap^{ta}: Goodlad deceased in August last; his men in Novemb^{r}: more Impatient Seized y^{e}: Ship for their wages; and apply'd themselves to us for assistance; the Ship is Condemned in y^{e}: Court of Admiralty; but being up y^{e}: River that Shee could not bee brought away wth: Safety and Bowcher &c^{a}: applying themselves to y^{e}: Government; wee were forced to leave her there; the Govern^{r}: ingageing to pay y^{e}: men their full demands; w^{ch}: hee hath not performed as yett; but soe dayly promiseth faire; that wee are in hopes; we are truely glad to read that you have noe trouble from y^{e}: actions of that naughty ffellow Coats &c^{a}:; wee hope you may meet wth: Some of his Brother Rogues and punnish them for their Robberys; for wee cannot understand how y^{e}: King of Syams Commission against y^{e}: King of Gulcondah and his Subjects; could warrant them in Robbing M^{r}: Freeman &c^{a}: Piracy wee think; and hanging Some of those that Serv'd y^{e}: King of Syam may clearly doe great good.

Wee heartily wish prosperity to your Priaman Settlement good care of that aught not to bee wanting; wee acco^{t}: it of great import, and y^{e}: Dutch most certainly will bee very unweary because of it will what in them Lyes endeavour by all ways and meanes to over through y^{e}: Settlement there; wherefore y^{e}: more care aught to bee taken wee begg of you; that you will Send us Coppy of y^{e}: Tearms you made wth: y^{e}: King of Pryaman that wee may guid ourSelves thereby; being in expectacon of a Settlement in y^{e}: Queen of Attingas Countrey; w^{ch}: if wee effect; as wee may very reasonably expect wee shall; it may be Such a gauling to the Dutch; as may make y^{e}: Mallabar Coast not wholly unproffitable to y^{m}: but such a great charge as they may bee a weary of it; and Repent the ffortifieing Cocheen &c^{a}: places more then they have done.

Being in Some hurry and trouble wee have neglected to look into y^{e}: Bantam Register to See on what Tearmes M^{r}: Woolhouse come out; for w^{ch}: must begg your pardon; but by your Expresses that may goe hence in 3 dayes more shall advice it, if find it out in y^{e} Bantam papers wth: us; M^{r}: Zinzan being wth: us will doubtless give answere to M^{r}: Woolhouse demands on M^{r}: Gosffrights Estate.

Wee Returne yo^{r}: hon^{r}: and all wth: you many thanks for yo^{r}: Civillity to M^{r}: Martin; and in Particular y^{e}: Generall is truely thankfull to y^{e}: President; the Padree was not Recommended to put you to any farther charge then y^{e}: Common Civillity of a glass of wine or y^{e}: like.

Wee are Sencible of what you write concerning y^{e}: King of Syam Jounks, and Know you are in y^{e}: Right that there is noe turning to windward wth: them; wee heartily wish good Success against that King; but if you Send any great Ships to lay was Jounks; wee think they may bee imployed to China or any other parts in y^{e}: way wth: Cargoes that may Save their charges if they Should not meet wth: Success.

The Private Generall is answered apart and now goes wth: these.

Cap^{ta}: Prestwich his Charges against M^{r}: Harbin &c^{a}: was witnessed by many & offer'd to bee deposed upon oath.

Wee wish M^{r}: Samuell Barren &c^{a}: good Success: a Settlement in China wee are desirous of thinking it might in tyme wth: Prudence facilitate a Settlement in Japan; Especially now that y^{e}: Dutch are held in Such great jealousy by y^{e}: Japaneers; and Generally looked on but very illy; became of the Bantam bussiness.

Wee hope you will bee mindefull to doe what you can against y^{e}: King of Syam that restoration may bee had from him; and that ungratefull bace fellow Falkon tumbled down.

Wee continue y^{e}: Methods of our Passes being acceptable to you; but as yett wee are not agreed what to allow y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for y^{e}: priviledge of tradeing in India from all Such Vessells as have Such passes, wee proposed to you what wee thought fit at Least; and desire you will Consider of it and lett us agree to receive alike; wee cannot See how such a duty can prejudice your Port, it being only from those that have y^{e}: great benifit & Security of Such a Pass.

The Generalls damage was reall and wholly caused by Cap^{ta}: Raines his actions at Present hee cannot Send those proofes necessary and therefore forbears giveing you any farther Trouble in this; and thinks hee must Sitt down by y^{t}: Loss; wth: out y^{e}: King of Quedah gives Satisfaccon unto whome y^{e}: Generall wrot Concerning it by y^{e}; Prudent Mary; wee hope Burton will meet wth: his just reward; Since you Seem to bee Sencible what a Naughty ffellow hee was.

The Papers from M^{r}: Potts will bee welcome, although wee are pretty well armed wth: Just demands against y^{e}: King of Syam and bace ffalckon.

Wee highly Commend yo^{r}: Prudence concerning y^{e}: Josiah; from y^{e}: Bay they write us that shee was in a bad Condition; but wee hope shee was made Sound and that you have Laden her home.

Although M^{r}: Freemans Ship was returned; yett hee must needs bee much damaged; and those Rogues that presumed to take her; ought not wee think to Escape punishment.

A Particular acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Loyall Adventures voyage would bee very acceptable; wee should bee truely right glad to have a Coppy of M^{r}: Cheneys diarie books of acco^{ts}: and Coppy of Cap^{ta}: Goodlads Journall.

Wee are glad to read of y^{e}: Beaufort; Nathaniell & Diamonds arrivall wth: you being then in good hopes; especially when wee heard that y^{e}: Rochester was Safely arrived Bangal.

The Dutch are most certainly at their very hight; or wee must fall; and the Dutch were never soe high & proude as now; wee very much Commend your management wth: y^{e}: Dutch at Pulliacat.

Wee Returne yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: thanks for your promised care of our Pacquet for England.

Wee are heartily Sorry for y^{e}: Loss of y^{e}: Diamond; the unhappyness was y^{e}: greater because of y^{e}: tyme; and it was increased by y^{e}: Sloops Mary and Madapollam looseing their pass and highly added to from y^{e}: non arrivall wth: you y^{e}: Saphir ffriggot, the Pearle ffriggot, Rebecca, Curtana and Loyall Cap^{ta}: God Send them all Safe at last; wee hope y^{e}: Saphir is not miscarried; Heavens bless y^{e}: Kempthorne that shee may Safe & Seasonably arrive wth: o^{r}: Masters.

Wee wish the Loyall Adventure Madrass ffriggot & Sloop Thomas good Success M^{r}: Yale was very well at Goa; when Cap^{ta}: Wildey came thence y^{e}: 13th: last month.

Wee thank your hon^{r}: for y^{e}: newes from y^{e}: Bay; wee could heartily wish it had been better, y^{e}: 3^{d} Instant wee received advices from them of y^{e}: 24th: November Last, indeed wee think they doe not rightly consider; God graunt they may meet wth: good Success in y^{e}: end; wee long much to hear farther from them; y^{e}: 14th: daye was expired y^{e}: 8th: December last; wee must certainly have news from them suddenly by Sea Conveighance, and w^{t}: may arrive wth: you pray forward towards us; directing yo^{r}: expresses to goe directly for Bombay; and if yo^{r}: news bee of import pray back your first pair of expresses wth: a second pair in 5 or 6 dayes [distance] of time from one y^{e}: other.

Vizapore is most certainly y^{e}: Mogulls; and y^{e}: young King most bacely murthered by y^{e}: Mogulls order contrary to his Oath.

Wee are heartily Sorry for y^{e}: great Scarcity of Corne wth: you w^{ch}: was the Cheife cause that perswaded us to bee soe Kind to this Ship M^{r}: Thomas Hicks Master; shee is wholly Employed by one Vissandass an Inhabitant of Bombay; that hath ingaged shee shall Lade wth: arrack at Goe and Rice at Mangallore, and soe away directly to you wee have had want of Raine here this two years, all manner of provissions not only dear but Scarce. But wee thank God its not soe bad wth: us as you; Heavens preserve you; wee are really much concerned; wee are at work to help you; and if God Send in Speedily any of our owne expected Ships; hope to Send one or two of them wth: Corne &c^{a}: if noe news from you may prevent it.

Wee should indeed have wrott you Sooner but o^{r}: being bussy in getting [away] what Ships wee could for Europe and the dayly hopes and expectacon of y^{e}: arrivall of our expected Europe Ships made us deferr it; haveing nothing of

moment to write and indeed wee were Somewhat afraid to trust an overland Conveighance.

The Dutch never wanted for Pollicy; they can Soone turne their Coates & will most Certainly Keep fair wth: all what in them lyes; and make what advantage they can.

Wee much Straing [*sic*] at y^{e}: Syam news you are pleas'd to write us; wee finde that there hath been ariseing against that King and wee acco^{t}: him overcome; Cap^{ta}: Lake being in Prison; the English dealt wth: all soe Seveerly when Cap^{ta}: Redall lost his Life in y^{e} Defence of y^{e}: King; that wee reccon all y^{e}: English was of y^{e}: Kings side; and must have faired well had not hee miscarried; wee hope y^{e}: Prudent Mary will not bee long from us and clear that news to us; for y^{e}: Syam men of Warr; wee hope there may bee noe need to fear them.

The Mogull is gone against Gulcondah and not unlikely but hee may take it; if hee douth wee Shall Soone have y^{e}: news, and on occasion will not faile to assist you what wee can; and hope in God that y^{e}: Mogull will never bee master of Fort S^{t}: George nor of Bombay.

Wee are glad you have news of y^{e}: Rebecca; God Send all y^{e}: rest in.

Wee have meet wth: great unhappyness this year y^{e}: Danes or Dutch under their Colours wth: two Ships robbed in y^{e}: Redd Sea and took Severall Ship belonging to Surrat &c^{a}: places; w^{ch}: y^{e}: natives by y^{e}: instigac̃on of y^{e}: Dutch would have it to bee us; gave us very great trouble; and is not over yet; wee had liked to have been all clapped up; one Abdull Gophoore an eminent Merchant being very violent against us; write up to Court; and did all that ever hee could to recover his damages from us haveing Ship of his taken w^{ch}: hee vallues at Rupees 700000; this dispute happyned about y^{e}: 14th: September; our bussiness was hindred; otherwise y^{e}: China Merchant had been dispatch'd Sooner and wee hardly permitted to Stir out of towne; that not wth: Standing all y^{e}: arts wee used it was y^{e}: 27th: ditto before y^{e}: Government would permit y^{e}: Generalls ffamily to Leave Surrat town to come hither for their healths Sake; and it was but y^{e}: day before wee received your advices of y^{e}: 19th: August; w^{ch}: was y^{e}: first news wee had of that grand affaire y^{e}: 13th: Octob^{r}: the Generall came hither our troubles being some what abated; the 15th: ditto a [ffrench] man arrived from yo^{r}: parts that came overland who brought particular letters to Englishmen and noysed up and downe that Agent Charnock had been Chaubucked by y^{e}: Nabobs order; and that y^{e}: English was gone downe into y^{e}: Bay wth: great force to See and take satisfac̃on for that; and take possesion of an Island belonging to y^{e}: Mogull; w^{ch}: put all into a flame againe; and made y^{e}: Govern^{r}: much Concerned that y^{e}: Generall was out of Surrat wishing hee had not consented to it; but our actions & freeness speaking our honnesty and innocence to the whole world wee Soon got that of and our bussiness went smoothly on againe till y^{e}: Middle of December when y^{e}: dutch gave out y^{e}: English had Quarrells in y^{e}: Bay; and had Kild many men; and burnt most of Hugly Towne this trodd hard on us; in few dayes was confirmed by severall Letters from Hugly &c^{a}: places to Merchants Natives; but wee Still Ke[e]p our ffreedom and notw^{h}:standing all have hitherto a fair Correspondence wth: y^{e}: Govern^{r}: inSpight of all y^{e}: contrivance of y^{e}: cunning Dutch y^{e}: clamours of Abdull Gophoor &c^{a}: and y^{e}: news from Bangall; and soe shall continue till a fit time & opper-tunity presents [to] shew them that wee will not suffer our Selves to bee abused; wee have not made any great noyce in entertaining any men nor expended any money on that Score; neither have wee soe much as any men from y^{e}: [Ship] for a guard; but wee are not wholly careless; but Keep our watches ashoar amongst o^{r}: Selves and are well arm'd to prevent what evill may bee design'd against us.

The Deanes or Dutch Ship that robbed in y^{e}: Red Sea came & Lay off S^{t}: Johns for Some time did Some Small mischeife there; but took nothing Consi-derable; on y^{e}: Govern^{r}: of Surrat his desire wee directed his Ma^{ties}: Ship Phenix to Speak wth: them; Copie of y^{e}: Report Cap^{ta}: Tyrrall &c^{a}: made to us concerning them wee now Send Since they are gone away to y^{e}: Southward; Cap^{ta}: Wyldey mett wth: them off Choule; they told him that they were agoeing to

refresh & Supply wood & water and then would come away to y^e^: northward againe and lye in their Station of S^t^: Johns; till Aprill out; this make us think y^e^: more that they are Dutch, for were they really Deanes, and wore Commissions it might have been expected that they would have tryed amongst y^e^: Portuguize at Bombay or in Sembagees Dominions for water &c^a^: and not gone soe far a feild.

Wee have advices overland from y^e^; R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: to y^e^: 13^th^: May last all well in Europe then; and y^e^: Empirour and venetians, had very great Success against y^e^: Turke; what Gazets and newspapers wee have received wee now remitt.

Once y^e^: whole body of Merchants were against us; but now all turn'd of our Side; notw^th^: Standing all y^e^: arts of y^e^: Dutch Abdul Gophoore &c^a^: our Enimies wee have gave noe passes for some tyme y^e^: dutch have gave their Colloures to Abdul Gophoores Ship and will put on board each 10 or 12 Dutchmen promiseing to Protect them from all Europe nations for y^e^: w^ch^: they have a certaine allowance; and have proffered y^e^: like to all Surrat Ships; but y^e^: other Merchants will not accept of [us] but are desirous to have us pleased; if wee have occasion wee think y^e^: articles of peace will bare us out in letting y^e^: Dutch know & feele that wee are not to bee soe fooled & abused by them; and doe not question but our Commanders and men will stand by us; or it will bee misserably hard, the Dutch have two Ships at y^e^: Rivers mouth of 50 Gunns each.

Cap^ta^: Wildey met w^th^: y^e^: Bangall Merchant about 100 Leagues distant from y^e^: Lands end of England y^e^: latter end of May last Shee met w^th^: a Strong Tedious passage and w^th^: Some damage but God bee thanked had a fair wind w^ch^: continued for her; that Cap^ta^: Wildey beleives shee might arrive y^e^: Downes by y^e^: very beginning of June; both y^e^: R^tt^: Worp^ll^: Elihu Yales Deputy Presidents Sonns were very well w^ch^: wee rejoyce to write y^e^: news of; the Generall hath sent his Eldest Sonn home on y^e^: Society, the Same news to him of his Cesar would bee heartily welcome; wee call not else to mind; but w^th^: hearty wishes for yo^r^: healths & Prosperity and that good Success may Crown all your endeavours Rest.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: and Worthy S^rs^:
Your very affection^e^: ffriends and
Most humble Servants

JOHN CHILDE.
C. ZINZAN.
BAR^o^: HARRIS.
JOHN GLADMAN.
JAMES KING.

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TO THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD
PRESIDENT &C^A^: COUNCELL AT FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

The preceeding is Coppy of our last y^e^: particular Generall menc̃oned in y^e^: body of it wee Send not now, amongst y^e^: Bantam papers wee have found y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: orders to that place under y^e^: 5^th^: October 1677: wherein M^r^: Thomas Woolhouse is menc̃oned to bee entertain'd as a writer at 10 $: ꝑ añ̃ to Serve at Amoy but noe menc̃on for what termes of years; a new Governour is come to Surrat; that report Speaks a very worthy man. Wee have not more to add then that wee really are.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: & S^rs^:
Your very ffriend & very humble Serv^ts^:

M^r^: King is gone on board Shipp.

JOHN CHILDE.
CH: ZINZAN.
BAR^o^: HARRIS.
JOHN GLADMAN.

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Wee understand by your letter that Mr: Harbin designes from Syam to you and goe home at present our troubles will not permit us to examine his accots: whilst Cheife at Carwar but his Expences &ca: were very extravigant; and wee have great reason to think hee hath abused ye: Rtt: Honble: Compa: in many things wee now send you his accot: as Stands in Carwarr bookes made up by Mr: John Walsall Cheife and Mr: Jacob Uphill Second; by wch: you will see hee is indebted to ye: Rtt: Honble: Compa: pagodaes Sungaree 785: 14: 3: wch: Said Sum wee noe wayes doubt but you will force him to make good into the Rtt: Honble: Compas: Cash before you permit his goeing home; as alsoe give in security to answere Such Legall demands as Shall bee hereafter Sent against him; wee cannot omitt mencoing one of his Cheats; hee Charges ye: Rtt: Honble: Compa: wth: pagas: Sungaree 974: 12: giveing the Soobedar &ca: about Killing two boyes and a Cowe; but in his accot: mentions not ye: particulars to whome given, and by all ye: enquire that possible could bee made by Mr: John Walsall &ca: ffactors they cannot learn of more then 79: pagas: given on that accot: Soe that this Seemes to us a perfect Cheat; and Mr: George Cooke that was Second to him Knows nothing thereof; after hee hath satisfied you what hee is indebted to ye: Rtt: Honble: Compa: and given in Security to answere what further demands will bee made on him wee think if hee goes home it will not bee amiss; for in our Judgements Such bace men ought not to bee permitted to Stay in India; much less in the Rtt: Honble: Compas: Service, wee rest.

Your honours &ca:
Most humble Servant
JOHN CHILDE.
C. ZINZAN.
BARo: HARRIS.
JOHN GLADMAN.
JAMES KING.

SOUTH WEST 20 LEAGUES OFF Sr: JOHNS
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May it Please yor: Excellency

No. 115.

According to yor: order I met wth: ye: 4 Danes men of warr; that was suspected to bee English Pyrats about 20 Leagues to ye: Southwest of St: Johns; I brought them to an anchor a Tuesday night about 12 a Clock being ye: 11th of this Instant (haveing Chas'd them two dayes) they Chast their boates aboard immediately and informed mee what they were; Lykewise I sent Leivt: Byng on board them & demanded by what power they robb'd; Immediatly upon that hee shewed him his Commission from ye: King of Denmarks the next day I Sent my Leivt: on board of him again wth: Capta: Brennock and Capta: Cox; the Capta: of the Danes was very civill to them and shewed them all ye: King of Denmarks Commission and acquainted them that their King has receivd Some affronts by ye: Mogulls Subjects & they are resolved not to put it up wth: out satisfaccon from ye: Mogull; for ye: Injuries that they have received in ye: Bay of Bangall.

Sr: I have sent your two Peons wth: ye: Governr: and Merchants to examine into ye: truth of this expedicon; who are all very well satisfied that they are Danes and noe English I could not finde an English man on board; hee drank yor: Excellencys health and will not meddle wth: any Ship that yor: Excellency pass it blowing ffresh at present I could not gett my Lumberment out of ye: Hoygh but doe hope to cleare her before night wch: is all from.

Your Excellencys
Most Humble & Obedient Servts:
JOHN TYRRELL.
GEORGE BYNG.
B. BEAMONT.
THOMAS PEETERS.
THOMAS BRENNOCK.
EDWARD COX.

MATCHLEPATAM Y^E: 4^TH APRILL 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

No. 116. Our last to you was of y^e: ult^o: past when adviced y^e: needfull to that tyme and finding you expect continuall advices of occurrances in these parts wee shall not bee remiss in our duty and complyance therein; therefore this Serves only for Covert to y^e: inclosed paper of news and if yo^r: hon^r: &c^a: thinks fit to Set Tapper peons upon the road you shall not faile of it dayly from.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your Most humble Obedient Servants,
ROBERT FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

NEWS.

Golconda.

No. 117 Monsieur Guietys Letter beareing date y^e: 4^th: Aprill new stil[e] advices y^e: Mogulls army to be very close the walls of Golcondah Severall Bastians broaken downe by Cannon Shott; the King continues resolute in Defence thereof but wants money and provission w^ch: causes his people to leave him: soe tis Generally thought by all twill bee forced to Surrender [in a] very few dayes unless y^e: news of Sultan Vekbarrs Invasions may divert y^e: Mogull w^ch: is much ta[l]ked of in Bagnagar but hee Sees little probabillity thereof.

METCHLEPATAM.

This morning y^e: Governour Mahmud Refees Brameny by name Connacca Ancona acquaints us that late last night came a letter from Gulcondah to Said Governour the Import of w^ch: is; not to bee affraid for Sumbajee has certainely taken Vizapore from y^e: Mogull Sydee Muxza is on his way and w^th: in 4 or 5 dayes Journey of Gulcondah w^th: an Army of 12000: horse and 50000: foot to the releife of y^e: Gulcondah King; Sultan Vekbarr increases his Strength in Indostan and as report goes resolves to ffollow his Father to death w^ch: puts the old man into many alteracons of minde but none durable; this comeing from y^e: Govern^rs: house cannot well bee credited; a few dayes will satisfie y^e: truth hereof; Mirza Maumim (that lately fled from y^e: Gulcondah King to Orangzebb) is Reported to bee on his way hither w^th: an army of a 1000: Horse and 2000: foot; his designe not Knowne but y^e: Govern^rs: prepare to repulse him. This town is in quietness as yet; but for want of provissions and by a Contagious distemper of y^e: Small Pox and feavour y^e: people dye dayly many in numb^r.

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PETTIPOLLEE THE 7^TH: APRILL 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM GYFFORD
PRESID^T: & GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A: COUNCELL,

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

No. 118. The 29^th: past brought us yo^rs: of y^e: 14^th: March in answere to our 3: Generalls wrote you y^e: Mo^th: ffebruary; have wrote to Verona this Countrey Govern^rs: to put him in mind of his promise to the Hon^ble: President, of giveing his assistance for y^e: Recovery of the 500 Pagodaes; the Cheife was robb[ed] of in his Journey hither; but as yet received noe answere when doe shall acquaint you therew^th:

The 300 Pag^a: you intend for this ffactory when received shall give acco^t: Curr^t: ffort S^t: George Credit for the Same; though it will not pay what wee owe and hope when all things considered our investment will not bee soe deare, haveing had as yet but 500 pag^as: to carry on y^e: Same and out of that there was pay'd one months Expence and severall omissions w^ch: was due before y^e: Cheifs arrivall here.

Wee cannot imagine what demands y^e^: Souldiers has upon us; the Merch^ts^: being only obliged to pay their dyet dureing their Stay here; upon which termes you were pleas'd to allow of; dureing the tyme the Merch^ts^: had occasion of them; possibly the demands they make is for their wages whilst here; had any thing been due to them Should have paid here, and brought it to y^e^: charge of this ffactory.

When you please to Send a Ship; shall dispatch her as [soon as] possible, being in a readiness for her haveing about 70 bales ready to put aboard of her w^ch^: Judge will bee what shall bee able to doe at this tyme after our goods are gone aboard shall load upon her our Remaines books &c^a^: papers our Selves Repaireing to Metchlepatam & Madapollam w^th^: y^e^: Ship and soe to the Fort.

William Shales has been for some months & is Still indisposed; yet hope by y^e^: assistance of God Almighty to make a due complyance w^th^: yo^r^: orders concerning y^e^: bookes; this w^th^: tender of our most Obedient Services till shall please the Lord to arrive us w^th^: you wee respectfully conclude.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &^a^:
Your Most Obedient humble Servants,
JOHN LITTLETON.
WILLIAM SHALES.

Since the above written have receed a letter from the Governour of this Countrey but hee takes noe notice of his promise to his hon^r^: about the 500: pag^a^: herew^th^: comes a Generall from Metchlepatam just now received.

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TO THE HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD PRESIDENT &C^A^:
COUNCELL FOR THE R^TT^: HON^BLE^: COMP^AS^: AFFAIRES ON Y^E^:
COAST OF CORMANDELL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL &C^A^: No. 119.

Wee have both yo^r^: secret Generalls of y^e^: 19^th^: Aug^st^: & 23^d^: October last; the 9^mo^: came to us y^e^: 26^th^: September and brought us y^e^: first news of that grand affaire; we were then all in Surr^t^; and under very great troubles from y^e^: Danes or Dutches robbing in y^e^: Redd Sea; as more at Large in o^r^: Publick Generall of this date; all y^e^: Judah and Mocha ffleet was then Imported; unladen; and the Ships up at y^e^: Port of Surrat; Since w^ch^: there hath not come in or gone out, but one Ship of any great vallue and shee under ffrench Colours and ffrenchmen in Command of her; the Commanders are brisk for y^e^: takeing all y^e^: can but we think it not worth o^r^: while to ffly at such smal gaines as y^e^: Ships Laden w^th^: Coconuts Cairo and Betlenuts &c^a^: but besides that wee think it highly becomes us, to have a great care what wee doe; least from our forwardness wee run into a great Error; and become very highly blame Worthy; for its most Certaine y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: by this great undertakeing designes y^e^: bettering and secureing their trade abroad and more especially that in the Bay to Secure w^ch^: you may see that they have taken more then ordinary care; made Provision and prudently directed accordingly, soe that wee acco^t^. We are not to Stir till you have begun in the Bay, and Secured Chittegam, or Some Such like place to secure a footing there; that there may [be] noe fear of looseing y^e^: trade to that place wholly; it is the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Cheifest Jewels; and what ought to bee most taken care off, and when wee have news that you have secured that; then we think it becomes us to Stir; and make y^e^: Mogull as uneasy as wee can: that hee may bee brought y^e^: Sooner to an accommodac̃on w^th^: us and get what good booty wee can for y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: but for us to stir before might as wee did all along Consider; Ruine ye: whole designe and put our ffreinds in y^e^: Bay out of capacity of reaching y^e^: Maine works; and for such an inconsiderat act must have been highly blamed by all and accounted rash inconsiderate, very ffoolish; hot headed; and mighty idle; this is the greatest consideraco̅n that made [u]s forbear soe long; and tyes up our hands; and hath made us soe very cautious to give on our sides y^e^: Least suspicion to y^e^: Natives

and expose our lives & fortunes to that great hazard that wee have & doe; what our ffreinds in y^e^: Bay may doe wee cannot tell but in our opinion they meet w^th^: Success (w^ch^: God Grant) it must bee more from good fortune; then good mannagement and indeed you put us to a great Loss what to doe; hardly can wee perswade ourselves to forbear any longer; and you will see in o^r^: Generall to y^e^: Secret Committee; Coppie whereof wee now send; that wee esteeme a bird in hand worth two in y^e^: bush; but what an unhappyness that will bee and closely Stick to us; if you should write that you had brought y^e^: bussiness in that manner in y^e^: Bay; as to reasonably conclude of meeting w^th^: good Success; but yo^r^: ffriends at Surrat had begun there to soon; and overthrowne all Gentlemen wee cannot tell what to doe; w^ch^: make us soe very desirous to hear further from you and y^e^: Bay but in this wee must make the best wee can of a bad market; and lay hold of all oppertunitys to secure what booty we can; to make y^e^: disapointment y^e^: more easy to our Masters; and wee desire you will bee of good Courage if y^e^: Mogull doth take Gulcondah for you are in as good if not a better Condition then wee; for besides our being put to defend Bombay; wee have y^e^: Siddies ffleet to deal w^th^: all; that is four tymes y^e^: Number of ours but wee trust in God wee shall bee hard enough for them all, and here assure you; that on occasion wee will firmly stand by you; and you shall see that wee will expose ourselves to dangers to assist you; you seem mightily concern'd because of y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: [Lt^r^.] to y^e^: Mogull &c^a^: and their declareing a warr against him; wee doe not think you are tyde up wholly to that method; but may use any other to reach y^e^: ends w^ch^: that aimes at; w^ch^: is to better and secure y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: trade in y^e^: Bay; and Interest abroad; and doe truely beleive you will not at all bee blamed in takeing other more likely secure meanes; giveing such reasons as may bee well grounded; for y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: are at a great distance; and cannot possibly provide for all accidents that may happen; although never soe wise; and most certainly brave S^r^: Josiah Child and those in y^e^: head of their affaires; are not only very wise men but of great courage; and true lovers of y^e^: hon^r^: & Interest of their King & Countrey; w^ch^: most plainly appeares; by those prudent orders &c^a^: that they have sent out; you must never think goe w^ch^: way you will to work that y^e^: Mogull will not bee concerned; its his Territorys and Subjects that is medled w^th^: all; to defend and maintaine w^ch^: is his Interest; and hee will bee wholly against you and us on occasion, or make up y^e^: bussiness; and blame or punnish his Govern^rs^: but to think that y^e^: Mogull will not concerne himself and lett you alone to doe what you can against his Subjects; and y^e^: Nabob is what wee think you must never look for; wee are truely seveerly troubled at what wee have read from you and the Bay, now Gentlemen y^e^: hon^r^: and Interest of yo^r^: King and Countrey lyes at stake; give not back for one Slapp of the Chopps; but w^th^: courage and prudence proceed your Ships are to Stay two years in y^e^: Countrey and next year most certainly you will have more men and ships, and w^th^: y^e^: like Commissions soe that if you could not have effected y^e^: bussiness handsomely this year; you should not dispaire but have made as little shew as might bee Imployed yo^r^: Ships y^e^: best you could and provided in that manner as to have secured w^th^: Gods blessing and a reasonable expectacon good Success next year; what wee have writt is only our opinion; w^ch^: our Concernes for y^e^: Publick Interest hath made us lay downe; but wee must leave you to y^e^: direction you have from England and yo^r^: owne Judgments; heartily wishing you good Success, and for Gods Sake write as plainly and as speedyly as you can what you resolve on; that wee may take our Measures accordingly and not bee at this great Loss that wee are at; wee cannot possitively promise that wee shall forbear much longer; and the reason is this because they in y^e^: Bay write that they shall begin in 14 dayes; if they have been as good as their words; they have made a hogg or a dogg of it long agoe; and wee burne dayly and loose pretious tyme; and may Slipp the oppertunity at hand of the Bussorah &c^a^: Ships God send a Ship in from Bangall; and Some news in her; wee may dayly expect one or more of them.

Wee have now little or nothing at Surrat nor ashoar here, all is on board the Ships; and our people at Surrat wee think to get down hither soe soon as may bee w^th^: prudence.

Wee think on an extraordinary occasion that you may write us by the way of Attingoe, ordering the ffactors there to further yo^r^: advices to us by Sea and Land and not Stick at hyring a Maunchna on purpose of the bussiness requires it, ordering all to Bombay.

This Letter wee shall not send you a Coppy of overland, and have directed the bearer that if it should happen; that any dainger of its falling but yo^rs^: that in such case hee heavs it overboard; and that it may Sink to rights the peece of Lead is therefore put into it; wee returne you hearty thanks for yo^r^: care of us; and hope wee shall not bee surprized; God direct you in all things for the best wee are.

Yo^r^: very ffriends & humble Servants

JOHN CHILDE.
C. ZINZAN.
BAR^o^: HARRIS.
JOHN GLADMAN.
JAMES KING.

Coppy of the Secret Committees orders to us is inclosed for yo^r^: perusall and the Generall likewise hath inclosed a printed list of the Govern^r^ Deputy & Chose for the year 1686.

J. C.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM SANGANA FROM CONJEVERON TO THE HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR DATED Y^E^: 25^TH^: APRILL 1687.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the like from yo^r^: hon^r^: his Excellency Passonoore Venketty Putty wrot to yo^r^: hon^r^: two or three tymes about Sending y^e^: Rent money to w^ch^: your hon^r^: sent him answere that w^th^: out his Ma^ties^: order you could not pay it; w^th^: this Letter I forward the Kings Phirmaund w^ch^: his Majesty Sent to Passonoore Venketty Putty upon the Rece^t^: of w^ch^: may it please your hon^r^: to pay the last and this years Rent money and yo^r^: hon^r^: Shall have a Rece^t^: for it; your hon^r^: being a very understanding person and haveing soe great an Insight into the Divans bussiness please to keep ffriendship w^th^: Passonoore Venketty Putty & lett bussiness goe on according to Sallabad. I desire yo^r^: hon^r^: Keep yo^r^: Love towards mee; and often acquaint mee of yo^r^: hon^rs^: good health I have w^th^: this forwarded Venketty Puttys Letter to your hon^r^: w^ch^: you may please to peruse and answere the Contents. No. 120.

TRANSLATE OF LETTER FROM PASSONOORE VENKETTY PUTTY FOR CONJEVERON TO Y^E^: HON^BLE^: W^M^: GYFFORD ESQ^R^: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR DATED THE 18^TH^: APRILL 1687.

I enjoy good health and should bee glad to hear the like from yo^r^: hon^r^: I admire your hon^r^: has not this long tyme sent mee a friendly Letter when I was at Metchlepatam I had great hopes of makeing friendship w^th^: your hon^r^: that y^e^: Divans affaires might bee well mannaged by your hon^rs^: meanes. Severall tymes I wrot to your hon^r^: and M^r^: ffreeman w^th^: a good Stile; but whither they ever Reached your hon^rs^: hands I can't tell and since my arrivall in y^e^: Carnatta Countrey I have wrot often to you but have not rec̃ed a Letter from your hon^r^: Since my arrivall at Conjeveron w^ch^: I know not yo^r^: hon^rs^: reason for tho I hope you meane well towards mee; I have some very earnest bussiness to discourse your hon^r^: about, and when wee meet together wee shall Consult of it. In the meane tyme I have sent Shamagee Hibaterow one of My officers to discourse your hon^r^:; and hope you will hear and grant his Request I Rec̃d No. 121.

the Phisick yo^{r} : hon^{r} : Sent by Comelarow; for w^{ch} : Returne your hon^{r} : my hearty thanks; the Governour in these parts complaines to mee very much against your hon^{r}; because you have not p^{d} : the two last years Rent mony. Your hon^{r} : may please to Consider that if you Keep the Divans money never soe long, it will bee heavyer to yo^{r} : hon^{r} :; for it must bee paid at last; your hon^{r} : is a very wise man and can see deep into matters therefore there is noe occation for my writing very Large. I desire yo^{r} : hon^{r} : to send a man that you confide in and I shall discover my mind to him and Returne him.

After I had wrot y^{e} : above s^{d} : I Rec^{d} : his Majestys Phirmaund to yo^{r} : hon^{r} : to order the payment of the two past years Rent money w^{ch} : please to send mee wth : out any further delay; your being soe Ingenious and deserving a person I need enlarge noe farther then to desire to bee often acquainted wth : y^{e} : news of yo^{r} : hon^{rs} : good health.

TRANSLATE OF A PHIRMAUND FROM HIS HIGHNESS THE ALLUMPENTIA OF GULCONDAH TO THE HON^{BLE} : W^{M} : GYFFORD ESQ^{R} : PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE DATED THE 24TH : MARCH 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

No. 122. Wee understand Madapa and Sangana (Tarruffdars at Conjeveron) wrot to you for Chinapatams Rent money and you Sent them answere you would not pay it wth : out our order w^{ch} : the occation of Sending this our Phirmaund for it, upon Rece^{t} : of w^{ch} : pay last and this years Rent money wth : out any further delay to Passonoore Venketty Putty wth : all giveing Madapa and Sangana (the two Tarru[f]-ders) notice of it; you must observe what Passonoore Venketty Putty writes you at all tymes about our bussiness and lett us not have any Complaints of you w^{ch} : will Keep you in o^{r} : ffavour, you may observe this our Phirmaund and act accordingly.

VIZAGAPATAM, APRILL 7TH : 1687.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R} : PRESIDENT &C^{A} : COUNCELL.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &C^{a} :

No. 123. Our attendance upon dispatch of what vessells procurable in these parts wth : Graine for y^{e} : ffort has interrupted us in returning answere to yo^{r} : Generall of y^{e} : 16th : ffebruary but shall now dilately speak thereto.

Wee doe not conceive it Propper for us or agreeable to make particular replys to yo^{r} : Reproofs; the respect wee owe you and the Station wee are in obligeing us rather to Submit thereunto wth : Silence & tho possibly we may have Some what to offer towards the lessning and mittigation of the Crime yet wee wave all and Submitt ourselves wholly to your curtesey and hope you will please to bee favourable to us in Some abatement of your Censure and could wee have given any certaine acco^{t} : wee had not been faileing in our advices.

Wee Shall Still make it our greatest endeavours to improve y^{e} : Towne soe as the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : may have the advantage & conveniency of haveing y^{e} : Government in their owne hands and yett bee at noe Charge or Expence for y^{e} : Same tho wee have been hard put to it this Scarce year all the Neighbouring Townes being in a manner deserted yet our dilligence has been Such as to Keep our Towne in habitacon togather and have Stored the Towne wth : graine for some mon^{ths} : w^{ch} : Esteemed a duty, peculiarly incumbent on us; and wee hope will bee Soe acceptable a peece of Service as to excuse Omission to matters of Less importance our Washers and all depending on the ffactory being in a readyness to goe on wth : a Considerable Investment if the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : occasions may this yeare require it.

Wee are glad the Gingerlee and our goods upon the Trivelicane arrived in tyme for the homeward bound Shipping.

Wee Observe you have been pleased to accept our Bill Exch^{a} for Pagod^{a} : 2612 for w^{ch} : shall Credit acco^{t} : Curr^{t} : ffort S^{t} : George.

Our Merchants Considering their capacities have proved themselves Industrious in bringing Some Cloth this year upon Credit but unless they are paid the same Interest they give untill the Compᵃˢ: money arrives, twill bee a loss their necessitous Condition cannot aford. Wee have not been wanting in our utmost endeavours to promote the vend of Europe Manufactures in these parts and have tryed all ways possible but cannot finde it feazable to Sell in a year more then Rupees 2,000: of Corrall Beads and a bale or two of broadcloth and Scarlett therefore conceave it not Convenient to give assurance of more then may probably bee disposed of wᵗʰ: in yᵉ: Tearme of a year wᶜʰ: will bee but a Slender inducement to continue yᵉ: ffactory and more cannot bee put off in these parts yett the place and Towne are Soe Scituated wᵗʰ: Convenient River and in a manner ffortified being almost incompassed round wᵗʰ: the Sea River and Mountaines that there is but one passage accessable; it might bee made tenable for a Small Charge if occation required against the Most formedablest forces of these Countries; in our River may bee brought in and harboured Ships of 200: and 250 Tunns all yᵉ: year round being a very Commodious place to build fit, or repaire vessells; in the Towne have errected Severall good buildings and are furnished wᵗʰ: Materialls as brick Chinnam &cᵃ: Sufficient to finish a Compleat ffactory Investments may bee made to good advantage when the tymes are Setled of wᶜʰ: there is great probability now the late Seer Lascar is returning againe as is reported & if a Settlement upon the Gingerlee Coast bee necessary or requisite wee are fixt in the best place the Dutch being very desirous of it; but for Europe goods more then what above menc̃oned will not goe off soe shall attend yoʳ: orders herein haveing rendred a true relac̃on of the inconveniencies & Conveniences of a Settlement in these parts.

We have endeavoured all that was possible to procure & fitt up Vessells and Sent downe as far [as] Jaggara not to buy up Grain that might Supply the ffort and this Towne therewᵗʰ; and gott them out early in the year and the first trip they made was to Stock this towne and returned them in time to bee Laden for the ffort but by the [violence] of the late Storme & the domineering of one of the King of Syam's Ships here upon this Coast; Alexander Lessly Commander delayed their dispatch a full month yett not wᵗʰ: [Standing] the beginning of last moᵗʰ: they Sayled for the ffort wᵗʰ: 200 Garse Paddy and Rice and wee [hope] they are arrived ere this and that it may prove seasonable Supply tho wee hear to the Southward of the ffort graine is more plentyfull and to bee procured wᵗʰ: less trouble then to the Northward of this place wherein wee have encountred great difficulties & lost in the late Storme on[e] vessell wᵗʰ: 70 Garse wᶜʰ: Likewise disapointed the vessell calling in here for our remaining goods being belated; Soe hope you will not measure our actions by the Success of things as holding our-Selves not accomptable for accidents out of our power but approve our zeal in this affaire all the graine Sent to Madapollam by Richard Browne this year was only one vessells Cargoe by reason shee was not in a Condition to proceed further soe humbly begg yoʳ: Candid interpretac̃on thereof.

Of late severall English ffreemen have come into these parts whose behaviour has been very irregular some paying Custome others offering to rent Townes under the Government and apply themselves to the ffactory only when by their ffolly had engaged themselves in trouble & unless timely prevented it may become a Generall Practice of the ffreemen & grow to a great inconveniency since by makeing a Separation and distinction of persons & Interest the Honᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃ: must of necessity Suffer and theires bee carryed on in dispite of their authority & rule under the Shelter of the Moores protection & paying duties for the same & if it should bee put in execution noe regard or vallue will then bee had to the Rᵗᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃ: their Servants or ought that relates to their affaires wee esteeme it our duty to lay this matter before you; that yoʳ: Considerac̃on: thereof may provide a remedy in time for it.

The Currant report is that Abdella Saib late Seerlascar is returning againe to take Charge of this Government wᶜʰ: wee hope may prove true; but tis certaine the Braminy Seerlascar can never Continue haveing lost great part of the Countrey

what may bee Expected from us upon the arrivall of a new Seer lascar in relation to a Present wee are not able to conjecture but that wee may bee reasonably provided against the remotest difficulties; wee humbly intreat you to take it into your Consideracon: and to direct us by yor: advice how wee shall comport our-Selves; wch: being what wee have at present to advise wee respectfully remaine.

Honoble: Sr: &ca:
Your Obedient humble Servants
Richard Browne.
Charles Fleetwood.

Translate of a Letter from Condula Ance Chitty &ca: Vizagapatam head-Merchant to the honble: Wm: Gyfford Esqr: President and Governour &ca: Councell dated ye: 9th Aprill 1687.

No. 124. Your honr: and Councell were pleased to Send Mr: Ramsden, Mr: [Jordin] Dubass Jenedar and Connacoppilla Jogee; first of all to Settle in these Parts; who wth: much trouble gott us to come & live in this Towne (wth: Severall other people) and for two yeares together the Rt: Honble: Compas: bussiness went on very well; after wch: the Chiefe and Second fell out and your honor and Councell Sent Mr: Lucas and Ketty Narran to enquire into the bussiness who Settled things to Rights made us pass our obligacon to the Rt: Honble: Compas: name wth: Tasheriphs; and went away. Mr: Lucas ordered us upon his departure if wee had any Complaints; to make our appeal to your honr: and Councell; after wch: Mr: Browne came hither; hee pretended the Company Sent hither Copper Raw Silke Long Pepper and Dollers wch: hee told us We must take off to wch: wee answered him wee would take them according to the Compas: Price but hee answered us wee must take Copper at Pagas: 70 ℔ Candy Tutanague at Pa: 60 Tynn at pa: 60 Sandall at pa: 60: Round Pepper at pa: 47⅜ garse at Pa: 30 Allome at P: 32 Tobacco at Pa: 30 Silke Raw at pa: 480 ℔ Candy & Long Pepper at Pa: 70 wee anwered him wee could not comply, but hee threatned us to deliver us Over to the Moores Governour if wee did not take them off; wch: wee being fear full of; were forced to comply wee trustted to the Right Honble: Compa: they being to-great Persons; and thought that if wee lost that yeare wee might bee gainers an-other; upon this Consideracon wee tooke the goods, tho wee lost a great Deal by them and deliver'd him Callicoes in barter for them and when hee made a Sortment hee Sorted better then the Musters and Sold the best goods to Particular Ships and Sent the worst up to Madrass; and wee doe not know whither it bee the Compas: or his owne particular tradeing; tho: in ye: Compas: name hee has drove a great trade if yor: honr: and Councell please to continue the Rtt: Honble: Compa: trade at Vizagapatam if you Please to send for Mr: Browne the old Dubass Conacoply & us wee shall come up and open our minds to your honr: and Councell; If wee make our Request to him at any tyme about bussiness hee calls us names and abuses us and tells us hee has the Rtt: Honble: Compas: orders to turne out and Keep in whome hee pleases; wee have indured it Soe long and not being able to indure it Longer therefore wee now Lay it open to yor: honr: & Councell wee humbly begg yor: honr: and Councell to take these things into yor: Consideracon and take care of us; Our whole dependance being at yor: honrs: &ca: ffeet.

Condula Ance Chitty.
Uppa Narso.
Godesuree Undo.
Sanca Kittana.
Cata Varaioo Govindoo.
Madera Vencana.
Copelia Bampaloo.
Cata Verapoo Vencana.
Cooragayloo Lingana.
Ganga Chitty Vencana.

CUDDALOORE APRILL Y^E: 26^TH: 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R: &C^A:
COUNCELL IN FFORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

Wee have received yours of y^e: 19^th: Curr^t: & Shall as Soone as Wee have landed what Goods consign'd to us by Ships Prospect & Treve [le]caine discharge the Prospect and Lade on the Treve[le]caine what goods wee Shall have in a readyness & then dispatch her to Conimeer to take in what goods they shall have remaine there after dispatch of Sloop James who is now fitted and Shall bee Speedily dispatch[ed] towards them.

Wee are Sorry that wee cannot Oblige the Merchants to conceed to any better Termes about the Interest then what already done haveing used all endeavours possible therein w^ch: they are Soe farr from gratifying us in; that they are ready to relinquish their agreement if wee are not Contented therew^th:, by w^ch: beleive they can bee noe great gainers (w^ch: Causes this difference tho doubtless they must bee Somewhat otherwise would not give themselves the trouble) Selling the Europe goods deliver'd them as broadcloth (&c^a: in proportion) for Pag^as: 12 y^e: half p^s: for ready money for w^ch: the[y]allow p^a: 22: of w^ch: &c^a: wee beleive (after wee have deliver'd them what agreed for) there will bee noe occation for any more for Some tyme being soe poor a [vend] at present for it soe that there is Little probability of obtaining the former prices for it, the abatement on w^ch: being noe fault of ours, but the easy Condicention of o^r: friends at Conimeer; to whome wee can bee noe Example therein (let them pretend what they will to excuse their Error) haveing it from thence by order w^th: out w^ch: should have taken noe notice thereof but Obliged the Merchants to have taken it at y^e: former prices; or concluded on nothing w^th: them; w^ch: have not yet for the remainder of the goods wee have by us; and are deliver'd them more of different Sorts then what delivered their Merchants at Conimeer who are Joyntly Concerned w^th: the Merchants here soe that not to bee expected that one ffactory should make a more advantagious agreement then another; tho indeed it ought to bee the care of those that Contract first (w^ch: was Conimeer) to give soe good Example the ffollowing might bee noe prejudice to our R^tt: Hon^ble: Employers) demanding of o^r: Merchants the former prices for them being not yet Sold for less elcewhere; w^ch: they have Objected again[s]t declareing that tho they had not yet been Sold for less; the prices [are] agreed when they should bee deliver'd them at Conimeer w^ch: rates they were willing to allow; wee therefore wrote to M^r: Wilcox &c^a: the 19^th: Curr^t: to advice what they had done therein; but have not as yet received any answer thereto w^ch: hath deferr'd the delivery of our goods to the Merchants and gives us reason to beleive what they have acquainted us w^th: about them is true therefore desire you will please to order how wee Shall proceed therein and that our friends at Conimeer gives us an acco^t: at all times of what wee desire to bee Satisfied in relating to the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^as: Affaires w^ch: ought [not] to bee concealed least any prejudice should accrew to them thereby by the Merchants takeing the advantage of y^e: want of our knowledge of what transacted elsewhere and wee hope what wee have said in this bussiness may Satisfie that its not a want of endeavours in us to promote our Masters Interest being Obliged to follow the example of others for the reasons befores^d: w^ch: wee could wish wee had not being noe less ambitious of Cred^t: & Reputacon then those that have thought the greatest Industry little Enough to acquire it.

The Particulars of the Packing Stuff Sent ℔ Sloop James have recēd but not y^e: price, w^ch: desire you will please to Send that it may bee brought to acco^t:; of w^ch: wee find wanting viz^t:

Gunneys	...	...	...	...	...	...	P^s:	24	
					Ca:	m^d:		lb.	
Twine	...	...	...	...	...	0:	6:	14:	
Ropes	...	...	...	...	...	1:	13:	5:	

w^ch^: beleive may bee occationed In Some Measure by the Conicoplaes that shipt it; the boats being examined here that brought it ashoar.

M^r^: Cawleys goods shall according to your order bee laden on the Trevelecaine w^ch^: M^r^: Griffith w^ll^: take care of when hee hath his order.

Amad Mercawne haveing Requested our passes for two Vessells w^ch^: hee intended for Madrass laden w^th^: Graine w^e^: thought fit to gratifie him therein for incouragement to others Considering the Conveniency it would bee to that place and advantage to the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Customers; w^ch^: if you approve of shall give as often as occation requires (and desire you will please to send Coppy of what methods you will have them given in) if not desist and desire you will please to Excuse what acted therein already.

Wee have now a great deal of Goods at washing; and desire you will please to Supply us w^th^: Pag^as^: 1000: to pay the washers and defray the expences of the ffactory w^th^:out w^ch^: o^r^: bussiness will bee at a Stand haveing Little in Cash; and wee shall endeavour to bee as frugall there of as may bee; and to trouble you noe oftner then necessity forces; and wee can find noe Supply else where (w^ch^: cannot doe at Present) being very Sencible how much you are Straitned for money w^ch^: w^th^: our most humble respects crave leave to Subscribe.

P.S.—Please ℔ first Conveighance to Supply us w^th^: ffactors provitions of all Sorts (that you can Spare) for w^ch^: wee have occation haveing none in the ffactory for Present use [Please] to Supply us w^th^: the ffollowing Particulars Viz^t^. Gunpowders barrell Musquet and Pistoll Shot fflints Match Lanthornes on[e] or two half Pikes 6.

Id: J: D.
R: I.
C: W.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: most humble & Obed^t^:
Servants

JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHRIS: WILSON.

YORK FORT NOVEMBER Y^E^: 17^TH^: 1686.

To the Hon^ble^: W^M^: Gyfford Esq^R^: President
Govern^R^: for Affaires of the Hon^ble^:
English East India Comp^A^: &c^A^:
Council at ffort S^T^: George.

No. 126. On the 28^th^: of October Last y^e^: Ship Chandois the accomplishment of her tyme as by Charter Party for Staying in these parts arrived in this Road after haveing touch'd at Indepoora where was put on board her an inconsiderable Quantity of Pepper; and from thence was dispatch'd for Manjuta; M^r^: Clem^t^: du Jordan goe in thereon for to procure her a full Ladeing there; & their hopes were soe great that they desired to have order for takeing out Salt Petree for makeing roome for Pepper soe accordingly upon receipt of their Letter wee sent an order but to Little purpose for through mistakes and misunderstandings wee cann't well bee informed; but the Ship overshot the Port of Manjuta and arrived here as above w^th^:out takeing in a Graine of Pepper; but her late arrivall; and nice punctillioes w^ch^: had much better have been laid aside; wee fear hath caused in a great measure this misfortune; upon Cap^ta^: Levellis his arrivall wee told him that wee expected that hee Should Stay here the dayes w^ch^: hee Spent w^th^: out doeing any Service to the Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: at Iranney hee told us that his time was expired and that hee would have Served the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: as well at Iranney or Manjuta as here or any other place but it was not his fault in overshooting the Port and that hee had rather had been doeing Something then laying as hee did idle & Such like; but w^th^: a little entreaty hee told us what Pepper wee could get off in 4 or 5 dayes time; hee would receive it on board; and in that tyme wee Ship'd on board 200 & odd Baharr tho it doth wee must assure your hon^r^: &c^a^: not a little trouble us; to let

soe Chargeable a Ship as Shee is to goe home Empty w^{ch}: cannot wee are very Sencible bee pleaseing to our Hon^{ble}: Masters.

Wee are heartily glad to understand that the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: approves of y^{e}: Settlement on this Coast and altho: hitherto through meanes of the Dutch wee have had but Little Success yett wee hope when wee shall bee in a better Posture of Defence & that they finde the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: is resolved to Keep the footing wee have gott on this Coast; that they will not longer trouble us; tho untill then wee must expect to bee infested by them.

Wee now doe intend to enlarge our Compound for wee Judge it not Safe for o^{r}: men to lye in such a manner as they now doe; here not being roome Enough to lodge them all in o^{r}: Compound w^{ch}: wee shall make as Strong as wee at present are able to doe.

For Sundry reasons wee think it not safe for to quarrell wth: y^{e}: youn[g King] at present tho: hee hath dealt soe Treacherously wth: us; for untill that wee bee freed from the [dayely] troubles of the Dutch wee dare not disturbe our peace wth: him; for the people soe long wee are in this Condition are willing to have a King; if at any time wee should bee forced off (w^{ch}: they much feare) that then they may excuse themselves and put the fault upon him; and while wee are liable to bee troubled by the Dutch wee think it best to gaine what friends wee can and to give as little discontent as may bee; and when wee are better fortified we may then as the Dutch doe take againe what they have unjustly extorted from us.

Salt is noe Commodity here; nor will it bee possible wee fear ever to make them Exchange a like Quantity of Pepper for Salt; our endeavours however shall not bee wanting to promote the Interest of our Hon^{ble}: Masters.

Wee Observe that yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: likes well the Embassage from the Sultan of Pullumbang and that therefore you have adviced the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: thereof w^{ch}: wee are glad of and hope may bee of advantage to our Hon^{ble}: Masters.

We Shall Credit you for the 4 Gunns taken out of the John and Mary Pinke in Ryalls 123: 1:

The Sloop Rochester was dispatch'd from hence the 23^{d}: of June past to Indepoora and contrary to o^{r}: expectacon M^{r}: Potts kept her tho now have given possitive orders not to Keep her any longer; wth: out an absolute necessity and not to Stay her to goe wth: the Royall James who shall soon follow; altho there is a necessity to keep her here but not being able to lade her home in the tyme that the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: hath limitted; shall therefore send her to you; altho wee have given them orders at Indepoora; that if in cases as they have informed us there bee Pepper enough ready at Manjuta to lade her tyme enough to goe home a full Ship; that then they keep her but if they finde not a probability to dispatch her in due tyme; then to take in what Pepper there lyes in a readiness and to send her forthwth: to you, not knowing what occation you may have for her Service; and it being alsoe consonant to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: orders as yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: may please to take notice in the Letter by M^{r}: Edward Mountegue; that in case of non ladeing her here in 2 months after arrivall then to Send her either to the Bay or Porto Novo; as the wind Shall best Serve but finding that you would have her come to you wee have therefore given the Cap^{ta}: his dispatch for the ffort and not for Porto Novo.

Wee finde how desirous your hon^{r}: is to have a settlement at Pryaman noe doubt but it may bee a place of advantage to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: as well because that it vends much cloth; as alsoe for the Gold it affords; tho how farr M^{r}: Ord proceeded therein; M^{r}: Bloome is altogether Ignorant of hee only learning that hee went to Cuttatongo and there died; soe that never any thing was done in reference to Pryaman; nor was any right claimed to it by virtue of the Contract made by the Worp^{ll}: Elihu Yale; therefore if your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: thinke fit M^{r}: Bloome is willing to doe the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Service; for to Saile the [w]hole Island Round in one of the Sloops wth: out putting them to any Charge Supposing that there may bee places that may bee setled on; advantageouslier

then those already Settled; and in this voyage will see what may bee done about Pryaman; and therefore if your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: approve hereof; M^{r}: Bloome desires that a Sloop may bee forthwth: Sent here wth: orders to proceed in the designe.

mo: M^{r}: Thomas Woolhouse is dead; soe that now is noe more then M^{r}: [Bella]my and myselfe; M^{r}: Sam^{ll}: Potts haveing acted soe irregularly in the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Companys affaires; that wee have thought fit to Send him to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: for to answere for such [his] irregularities w^{ch}: undoubtedly are of an inconceiveable hurt and detriment to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires on this Coast, for his Temerity in Settling at Battam Capas; wth:out the consent of his Councell and all manner of reason for soe doeing hee not haveing men to defend himself against the Stratagems of the Dutch; w^{ch} hee could noe less then expect they being Settled there three dayes before hee came there was Shamefully turned of Teareing the Kings Colours. Spoyling and plundring; loosing all that part of the Comp^{as}: Estate that was on Shoar soe that by this action of the Dutch they are become more formidable and wee more despicable and ill looked on by these People who flatly tell us that wee can be noe longer masters of a place then dureing the pleasure of the Dutch soe that wee are become a meer derision and Scorne to the people; who tells us how can wee expect them to Stand by us; who Cannot oppose the Dutch and Such like w^{ch}: assuredly is an unconceiveable hurt to our new Settlements.

2^{d}:—That as wee are informed by the Cheife and Councell of Indepoora in their Gennerall dated the 5th: October the s^{d}: Samuell Potts is not able to give any acco^{t}: of the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash; only paying in Ryalls 10796: and 1 [?] and $\frac{1}{4}$ Tale of Gold; and that was all hee had.

3^{dly}:—That hee cannot produce any acco^{t}: or bookes of acco^{ts}: how their Estate is Spent as by the Said Generall dated 5th: October appears.

4th:—That hee designed to voyage to Acheen; and not to come here as orderd by the ffort as appears by their Gen^{ll}: dated the 5th: October and as wee are informed by M^{r}: Clem^{t}: du Jardin who came here upon the Sloop Rochester for water &c^{a}: Provisions that he proffered 40 dollars for the hire of a Prowe to carry him to Acheen.

5th:—That hee being dispatch'd by the Cheife &c^{a}: Councill of Indepoora to come upon the Sloop Mary did contrary Embarque himself on board the Ship Chandois; altho: all his things were on board s^{d}: Sloop; and did clandestinely and Secretly about 9 of the Clock at night Send Hugh Levellis his boat on board the s^{d}: Sloop; whereupon the mate contrary to the Masters order delivered a Trunk of M^{r}: Sam^{ll} Potts in M^{r}: Levellis his boat; w^{ch}: was handed in at the Gunnroome port as fowles w^{ch}: irregular and Clandestine acc̃ons may cause a great Suspition of a mans honesty, wth: many other his ill acc̃ons: to w^{ch}: wee desire you will please to bee Referred to the papers will be sent from Indepoora; none as yet being Sent here, wee have therefore ordered to send a large & ample acco^{t}: of all M^{r}: Potts his Transaction Since his being Cheife; wherefore hee not being able to Justifie his acc̃ons; wee have thought fit to Send him to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: but being hee complained that hee had not Justice done him at Indapoora; they hurrying him away not allowing him time to make up his acco^{ts}: we have therefore order'd M^{r}: Hamon Gybbon &c^{a}: Councill to give what Satisfac̃on hee can reasonably desire for the makeing them up.

M^{r}: Samuell Potts being designed to the ffort, wee have therefore thought it best that hee gives that Satisfac̃on: your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: desires when hee is wth: you knowing the Charge you designe to bee drawn up against the King of Syam may bee done better wth: you for the advantage of the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: then hee can doe it here.

According to yo^{r}: orders wee intimated in the dispatch wee gave Cap^{ts}: Levellis if hee Should touch at S^{t}: Helena to bee cautious at the entrance, and to enquire first what news before hee goes in wth: his Ship for fear of a Surprize; and alsoe that hee should keep Comp^{a}: wth: any of the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Ships that hee there or on his way Should Chance to meet wth:

Upon all occations wee can Send letters overland from hence to Indepoora w^ch^ : goe very Safe and Secure if given to honest men w^ch^ : must bee our care to procure.

As before hinted wee immediatly Sent an order for the takeing out Salt Petree for makeing room for Pepper; tho the Success proved contrary to their expectacõn :

Wee humbly desire that your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : will please to bee referred to the Coppy of the Letters Sent to their hon^rs^ : at home ; wherein your hon^r^ : &c^a^ : will finde how troublesome the Dutch are Still to us on this Coast, and soe assuredly will prove untill wee are in a better Condition; the men that came in the Ships Herbert and Royall James are most of them dead and those alive very Sick and uncapable of doeing duty; tho truely wee must acquaint you that the reason of their deaths is in a great measure for want of good dyet therefore [wee] humbly desire you that you will order us to advance their pay for the wages they [now] receive being noe more then 3½ dollers ℔ mo^th^ : w^ch^ : is not Sufficient to keep them [alive].

Wee Shall as your hon^r^ : &c^a^ : have been pleased to order receive the Sallarys that the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : hath been pleased to establish to their Servants on this Coast.

We Shall give your hon^r^ : Credit for the amount of the Chandois Invoice and Shall debt you for her Cargoe Sent home being Ryalls 15845 : 2 : 1 : and shall alsoe give you Credit for the amo^t^ : of the Ships Herbert and Royall James Cargoes the first amount to Ryalls 3986 : 3 : the other to Ryalls 62768 : 1 and shall alsoe debt you for the goods wee think fit to continue on board the Royall James; not being willing to receive on shoar more then w^t^ : is needfull it being Securest w^th^ : you and unsecure here for w^ch^ : wee Send you bill of Ladeing & Invoice amo^t^ : to Ry^lls^ : 16234.

Benjamin Bloome gives his thanks to the Governour &c^a^ : for the favour they have been pleas'd to conferr upon him : but the Sence of his inability to mannage soe weighty affair as this of the West Coast Obligeth him for the greater Security of the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : affaires to desire a supply in his place.

Wee Send your hon^r^ : &c^a^ : all the Papers that were found of M^r^ : Woolhouses ; and have made Sale of his goods and the Surplussage of money, paying all his debts wee have brought into the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Cash ; the dyary of M^r^ : Woolhouse w^ch^ : is amongst his other papers wee desire your hon^r^ : &c^a^ : will please to peruse and altho : M^r^ : Woolhouse might have been Serviceable to the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : here, yet it may bee Supposed hee might have busied himself better then when hee was employed in Such pitifull Services as appears in his Journall.

Wee desire your hon^r^ : &c^a^ : for to Send us by the first oppertunity Rice Sufficient for a 2 Months Seige ; it being the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : desire, and Such a quantity cannot bee procured here wee not being able to gett more then just for our present occations.

Wee Send you the acco^ts^ : Curr^t^ : perfected wherein your hon^r^ : &c^a^ : will See the expence of this place to Aprill ; the Bookes are doeing but assuredly wee have soe few hands and always Sick that wee are afraid wee shall not gett them done time enough to goe w^th^ : the Sloop Rochester.

December the 4^th^ : 1686.

On the ℔^mo^ · Instant arrived a messinger from Manjata bringing a letter from Orumkey Lela ; who informes us that the Dutch have Settled at the Quallo of Indepoora brought many men on Shoar and that they alsoe have burnt one of the R^tt^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Sloops that lay in the Road resolving for to turne the English off thence and all other places on this Coast; whereupon notw^th^ : Standing wee have received noe advices from M^r^ : Hamon Gibbon &c^a^ : Councill wee Shall Send away the Royall James thither for their assistance Spareing what men wee can conveniently from hence ; altho we have occation to keep them here ; wee being in dayly Expectacõn of the Dutch Ships ; who undoubtedly will

bee here in six weekes time; Soe your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: may please to take notice what trouble and Charge the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: must bee at if they are resolved to have a fortification here on this Coast the People here will not bring downe a graine of Pepper nor trade wth: us; and at Indepoora if the Dutch cannot bee turned from the Quallo that place will never bee worth y^{e}: Keeping; for it is certaine [neither prow nor] boat can come there but what will bee Seized upon by the Dutch; and these people will assuredly never bee on our Side soe long as the Dutch wth: out opposition Settle where they please and therefore unless your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: give Speedy orders to force the people to trade wth: us it will bee much better to leave this Coast then to remaine here; for wee cannot have a graine of Pepper because of the fear they are put into by the Dutch actions; and if wee appear brisk and Couragious; it will even animate those that before would not trade wth: us to trade and bee our friends against the Dutch; and by this means wee shall begett to o^{r}:Selves a name as well as the Dutch; for Certainly the quietter wee live wth: these people the more sordid and base they are; and this wee have found by Experience; wee have wrote to Indepoora that they use all their Endeavours to oppose the dutch who dare not publickly appear to Injure them tho through their Treacherous and base meanes the[y] underhand doe it by abetting the Malayes &c^{a}: upon whom they turne the fault; altho it is vissible Enough that in effect they doe it by bribing them; wee have ordered them forthwth: to Send the Sloop Rochester to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: wth: advices w^{ch}: wee hope they will doe and that your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to Send orders ample and large when wee finde Convenient for to make these people Sencible of our power for they will not soe long as the dutch daily abuse us trade wth: us or assist us upon any acco^{t}:

As to the affaires of Indepoora wee have ordered them to give your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: an acco^{t}: wee begg leave to Subscribe ourSelves.

Your Honour &c^{a}:
Most humble and Obedient Servant
BENJ^{A}: BLOOME.
ROBERT BELLAMY.

YORK FORT 30TH: XBER 1686.

TO THE HON^{BLE}; W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT &
GOVERNO^{R} &C^{A}: COUNCELL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^{TT}: HON^{BLE}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: AT FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

No. 127. Our last was by Cap^{ta}: Wetwang and this we Suppose will come by the Same conveyance the latter date thereof being the 4th: Xber Since w^{ch}: arrived here the Berkley Castle Cap^{ta}: John Conset Commander being to bee dispatch'd in 14 dayes time from the Coast as appears by the Coppy of the Generall w^{ch}: wee here inclose to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: notwth: Standing we Suppose there may bee a duplicate in the Packet directed for ffort S^{t}. George wherefore resolveing for to comply wth: their hon^{rs}: orders (Shee ariveing here yesterday) have resolved to despatch her in a day or two from hence to Indepoora and put her Cargoe on board [y^{e}] Royall James (w^{ch}: wee Suppose is Still there) wee not haveing occation for any of the goods therein and the Treasure wee thought alsoe Convenient to Send to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: not thinking it Safe for to receive it ashoar wee haveing already wth: in our clay and wooden walls 12 Chest of Treasure w^{ch}: is as much as wee can dispose of in Pepper for a Considerable time and when wee want wee can at all tymes bee Supplyed by your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: and therefore wee think it better to Send it to you then to take it ashoar for to Encrease the great Stock wee already have here in soe unsecure a place all our house being made of Combustable Stuff.

The Small musketts the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: desires to have sold as you may please to observe in the Coppy of the Generall.

We could not Suppose to dispose of a good many but wee think it not prudence to Sell armes to these people w^{ch}: would upon the least occation (if but a Supposed affront) bee used against us; wherefor Selling armes to them is but furnishing our Enimy whom wee treat otherwayes but reckon them soe.

The Engine for makeing Salt water ffresh wee have not taken ashoar Supposeing that they may bee more Serviceable wth: you then here for at all tymes wee can bee Supply'd wth: ffresh water in dispight of the natives or any other Enimy.

Wee have as yett received noe letters from Indapoora but however that nither the Royall James nor the Berkley Castle bee detained wee have continued on board her 30 Soldiers for the better Strengthning their ffactory and have given them possitive order to keep nither of them wth:out an absolute & apparent danger of being disturbed by the Dutch or any other; Soe Suppose they will not detaine Either of them; being they will find the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: orders to bee soe possitive & pressing that a Small matter cannot wth:out doubt oblige them to keep either of them.

Wee have ordered them at Indepoora that if they receive either money or goods ashoar to Send your hon^{r}: & Comp^{a}: an Invoice thereof & wee Shall give you Credit for the Same intending to debt for the amo^{t}: of the whole Cargoe being Ryalls: 66917:2.

Wee as before hinted intending to Send 30 Soldiers to Indepoora cannot Spare any to the Bay neither have wee had any Intelligence from thence or by any other whither there affaires require any more aid or assistance then what they already have but however [if] they should have occation they can better bee Supplyed from you then Spared from us for [Sup]poseing them in trouble at Indapoore as above mencõned 30 wee intend of the 80 thither; and 50 remaine, whereof 20 is now Sick and the loss wee have had of the former; that this place will Stand in need thereof and as many more considering the mortallity and the troubles that wee must expect will suddenly fall upon us when the Ships arrive from Batavia w^{ch}: cannot now bee long.

M^{r}: Mountague haveing liberty from the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: that if in case upon his arrivall hee liked not the place that hee would bee permitted to goe to the ffort and therefore hath declared his unwillingness to Stay here being resolved to proceed thither.

The reason why wee dispatch'd this Ship for Indepoora to bee discharged of her Cargoe there and why wee have not taken out the goods here and soe dispatch'd her for the Bay directly, is if wee had received them ashoar for want of boats would have Consumed above 6 w[eeks] time and for want of convenient places for to lodge them when ashoar would have much dama[ged] them, ere such an oppertunity present againe; and the wind being now variable; Shee may get up wee hope in 3 or 4 dayes time; and then would each Ships boate they Rideing neigh one another may in two or three dayes unload her quite; and wee being alsoe yet at an [uncertainty] what Condition their affaires are in at Indepoora did think it fit for to send her thither.

The Small quantity of Pepper wee have by us wee would have Shipt aboard but the Cap^{ta}: by reason of the badness of our Stilliards; a Small matter not turning them would not weigh it off; and wee have noe other; wee therefore desire that two or three very good paire may bee Sent hither; otherways wee shall bee very great loosers; in the Weighing it off to Ships wee know nothing more to acquaint you wth: soe begg leave to Subscribe ourselves.

Hon^{ble} S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: Most humble and Obedient
Servants
Benj^{a}: Bloome.
Robert Bellamy.

To the Hon^ble: William Gyfford Esq^r: Indapora February the 28^th: 168⅞
President and Govern^r: &c^a: Councill.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

No. 128. The 16^th: 7^ber: wee arrived in this Road the next daye came in theRoyall James Cap^ta: John Wetw[ang] Commander the 18^th: wee came ashoar towards evening and the next day declared to [. . .] our orders for manageing the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^as: concernes here & your appointing him to Bencoolen a Strange disordered ffactory found it all people in the ffactory the Emperor and his Mandareens then w^th: him exclaiming against M^r: Potts; noe acco^t: wee could gett from him nor books hee Saying they were all lost att Battan Capas where hee went to Settle a new ffactory noe plate Table or hardly a Chaire the ffactory Compound a great part not made up and that was done the Neebons not fastned togeather a large house but not finished and the built and forme soe as wee had never before Seen noe Security for any of the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^as: goods from water or fire falling from aloft the Godowns being under the roomes and floores all open but two Chambers and a hall in it wee demanded his acco^ts: but hee declared hee had none as soon as wee could proceed to overlook the Cloth Godownes in possetion of M^r: Thomas Shibbs when wee desired M^r: Potts his Presence but hee alledged hee was Sick and could not come tho wee think as well as any of us for wee were all soe however wee proceeded w^th:out him wee then was Informed hee was privately Seeking a Prow to Carry him to [Acheen] on w^ch: wee kept a watch upon him and told him hee should not goe there but to Bancoolan as ordered that the Sloop Rochester was designed thereon w^ch: he might take his passage hee seeing how wee proceeded to prevent his designe Seemed willing to goe to his Station and place appointed In this time wee proceeded to Settle affaires here as well as wee could the Emperor and his Mandareens being at varience wee made them friends and then the 12^th: October M^r: Du Jardin went on board the Chandois bound for Majuta there to lade aboard her Pepper w^ch: wee were informed from thence was Sufficient haveing first put on board her what here that was in good baggs but Cap^ta: Lewellis misses his Port and Sayles to Bancoolan where his Worship &c^a: put aboard her what they had there.

In the Interim the Dutch comes w^th: a Sloop into this River Lands Some hundreds of Buggases Malayans and of their own nation togeather Sends to y^e: Emperour to turne us off or blame not them for what mischeifes accrued to him or us if not done in three dayes wee protested against them but in vaine and very week wee were as to men Gunns powder Shott or Small armes; what wee had wee lent the most part to the Emperour &c^a: for there and our defence the 21^st: 9^ber: M^r: Du Jardin Returned here on the Sloop Rochester & Soon after the Dutch broak into this Emperour confines but itt pleased God the Same night arrived in this Road the Royall James w^ch: put a Stop to their proceedings otherwise wee had been Soon put of Shoar.

Wee had almost forgot to advice you that the Ketch W^m: drove ashoar, and the Sloop Rochester Sunk in the Road w^ch: latter was noe way leakey when M^r: Du Jardin Came [ashoar]; in her was lost all our Estates and 5000: dollers besides goods of our Mas[ters who] could [gett] noe Countrey boat of to their Releifes the people being afraid of the Dutch the other lying on the Shoar and but two or three of the Lascars liveing that came w^th: us nor many Slaves and they most Sick women and boys.

The Sloop Charles Cap^ta: Wetwang brought into the River shee being ready to Sink and the Berkley Castle arriveing here hath lent his Carpenter to fitt her y^e: Dutch Seeing two Such great Ships of the English in the Road Send us word they would desist till received further orders from Batavia & goes away w^th: their Sloop & people.

Since w^ch: Sent M^r: Stubbs [to] Majuta to see what Pepper procurable there Intending first to Send the James there to lade her time being short here Provitions scant men many dead and others Sick; and soe keep the Berkley Castle here

for our defence till another Ship come, wee dispatch'd her the 16th: Curr^{t}: & had Sooner had not Capt^{a}: Wetwang wth: [out] Knowledge or order proceeded to Pangason to the Norward of this ffactory there Settled M^{r}: Potts Cheife leaveing Some of his men there alsoe in w^{ch}: time hee might have taken in y^{e}: Cordage from the Berkley Castle inordered by his Worsp &c^{a}: at Bencoolen.

Wee have been at great Charges Since our arrivell here to this Emp^{r}: & his Mandareens if possible to Secure them to us in money cloth Gunns Small armes & Powder but at length finde to little purpose & that neither hee nor his people are soe true to us as wee might in reason except soe that noe longer then a Shipp in the Road is the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Estate or our persons Secure; Provitions excessive deare & hard to bee gott and all the encouragement wee have is a good quantity of Pepper at Manjuta w^{ch}: M^{r}: Stubbs advises is there & in adjacent places for very little comes in here only the Keeping this place doth much Conduce to Secureing the Pepper in Majuta parts yett will not the people bring downe there pepper till they See a Ship in the Road Since wee promised them the Chandois should touch there but shee failed thereof & for there Pepper to lye soe near the Sea they fear the Dutch should come & Seize it not being sure our ships to come and take it in till they see them there & the Royall James is now soe weakley man'd and victualled that the Commander declared to us here hee could not Stay above 14 dayes.

Some dayes past arrived here one of the Mates of the Priaman bringing us word shee was to the norward on this Coast much necessitated for want of Provitions haveing Severall Passengers men women & Children on board & been from England about thirteen months wee admire shee doth not yett appear here when wee could dispeed the Berkley Castle to Majuta for her ladeing of Pepper and soe to Bengall as inordered.

Wee [have been] sick ever Since our arrivall; nor have wee had were wee well; any con[venience for] doeing bussiness as in all other ffactorys or workmen to make them nor encouragement [to] spend more on the ffactory then needs must Since wee see soe little likelihood of Continuance & y^{e}: natives soe fals not only to us but to one another soe that wee begg your pardon wee give you not soe ample an acco^{t}: as you may expect or wee are Sencible is o^{r}: duty were wee able to performe it or had assistance to help us.

M^{r}: Potts Returned from Pangason on board the James & there dyed the 10th: Curr^{t}: and was intered by the Commander unknowne to us at the Quallo M^{r}: Du Jardin departed this life on board the Berkley Castle the 12th: d^{o}: at night the next day brought on Shoar and intered in the burying place here.

The Provitions &c^{a}: necessarys came over in the Chandois but little received into the ffactory but wasted wee know not where one Cask of Pork comes up but Stank haveing been wet wth: Saltwater Soe that wee have been forced to recruite ourSelves wth: Severall things out of the Shipps the Plank & other things w^{ch}: lay at y^{e}: Quallo was wth: the house distroyed or taken away by Dutch buggases &c^{a}: who wee beleive alsoe made a booty of our Castaway Sloops wee endeavoured all wee could to Save Something but in vaine Since the Countrey people are afraid of the Dutch.

Wee have noe hopes as yett to Recover the debts owing by the Emp^{r}: & Mandereens here they declaring they have been at soe great expences in wth: Standing the Dutch that they are become very poor & desire Some respite of time.

Provitions are here Soe dear and Scant that wee here on the place are very Sencible the Soldiers are not able to live upon there wages soe have been forced to allow them a quarter of a dollar more a month & yett perseive wee must advance or See them Starve.

Wee can procure noe boats to goe downe the River or into the Road but are forced to bee beholding to the Commanders what assistance wee have.

Soldiers in a great number artificers Sloops well fitted wee want for his Worsp: of Bancoolon Sends none but Sick Soldiers Rusty armes nailes &c^{a}: Stores unfitt for use by w^{ch}: means wee are forced to bee at great Charge to buy things out of the Ships to repaire the Sloop Charles w^{ch}: otherways would have

Sunk in the Road altho: wee desired his Worsp: &c[a]: to refit her there hee has great Store of Pitch and tarr as wee are informed but little hee Sends to us & that Sunk in the Sloop Soe that wee are forced to buy as wee can[tho at] deare rates whenever the Sloops come there Since our time hee has [Sent . . .] us at or after the Expiracon of the month for us to pay [their mens] wages thereby flinging as great a charge upon this ffactory as hee can w[ch]: wee think is our duty to acquaint yo[r]: hon[r]: &c[a]: w[th]:

If your Hon[r]: &c[a]: intends our Continuance here or of this ffactory please to send over brick Stone Chinamb Timber Plank workemen &c[a]: necessaryes for a Convenient accomadation to bee made for wee are now as before menconed in continuall danger of fire & water & order Some more Sloops or the Continuall keeping a Ship here for our defence till wee are better fortified and altho wee dare not ꝑsume yett wee propound in our oppinions this place were it well managed would prove more advantageous then Bancoolen as more healthfull further from Sillebar and as near Majuta the place for Pepper but this wee Referr to your more Judicious Judgments.

Upon examinacon of the Cloath Godownes wee found a great parte damaged & rotton, but wee believe most by Salt water and eaten by Ratts if you please to Send us about a hundred bales of black cloth of ꝑcalles Sallampores and long Cloth it will bee a great help to put of both the white & alsoe damaged callicoes the Euroape Cloth is alsoe much damaged rat eaten and rotten a great part of it.

This wee leave to your Hon[rs]: &c[a]: Consideracon wee have been thus large in our advices as being desirous to give your hon[r]: &c[a]: all the Satisfaccon wee can to w[ch]: humbly Referr you and Remaine.

Hon[ble]: S[r]: &c[a]
Y[r]: very humble Servants
HAMON GIBBON.
JOHN FIELD.

P.S.—Since writeing the above the 28[th]: ult[o]: arrived in this Road the Priaman the Commander came up the same day bringing us word the natives are in Rebellion against the Dutch w[ch]: doth much insence them as Surmizeing wee have had a hand therein wee are now fortifieing the Quallo for our better Security and Shall Suddenly dispatch Sloop Charles to you for Such necessaries as wee want as Soldiers Slaves &c[a]: requesting not only her quick dispatch to us but another Sloop; Mussulaes & men for them beleiveing shee will bee w[th]: you before the James who must goe to Batavia &c[a]: for Provitions by w[ch]: Sloop Shall send our Consultacns diarys & [what] acco[ts]: Shall bee able to gett ready.

Wee have writt[. . .] to returne here for his Ma[ties]: Commission but least hee should not come have ordered M[r]: Stubbs in that case to continue on board her what Cloth wee Sent by her undisposed of and money w[th]: directions to the Commander to Sell the Cloth if hee can where hee toucheth for Provitions or other wayes and to bring you the money. It being hazardous to land them ashoar it is as dangerous keeping them there it being noe Secure place the Countrey people being in warrs, Soe that noe expectacon of the Pepper wee once hoped for.

Indapora March the 2[d]: $168\frac{6}{7}$

Id. H.H.G.
J.F.F.

ILUSTRE S[R]: W[M]: GIFFORD

No. 129. A sua missiva honrada deVs[a]: feita de 22 de abril me chegou, e não lembra ter molestado a Vs[a] sobre muy particulares por quanto não se offerecerão nenhus, a caria qs se moveu por parte da Mg[e]: Real, e da respectavel Comp[a]: cõ hũ judeo, o qual calumniou por estilo sem resão nenhua, a semelhante gente trasẽ de natural enganado do negar, e negando excusar o Cabedal que tem cõ gz sobre isso pedi a devida Justica atentando a fianca que hã entre a Mg[e]: del Rey de Dinamarca,

e Noruega meu sereniss°: Rey e s^r: cõ a do Grao Rey de Bretanha; Sobre os Inglezes q Vs^a: trata respondo, hũ delles he morto trez forao hu barco em serviço del Rey, e da Real Comp^a: p^a: viagẽ, hũ esta casado, nao poderao sair do serviço dos nove q. ficarão hu morreo antes q. chegace a trr^a: e dos outros co a noticia q. tive do Cap^m: soube em como elles pretendiao hir a madrasta a queixarce do seu Cap^m: deg ordenarei sevaõ e o Capitao os tomou hindo elles fugidos p^a: os Portugueses e o que os troxe ca. e os tenho bem goardados na praia de que prodera Vs^a: ordenar delles como lhe parecer, co o q. for nisso, e no mais fico sempre ao servico de Vs^a: a quem D^s: G^e: eta. Fortalesa Dansborg em derra d^ro de Abril de 1687 annos.

De Vs^a. Certo servidor, e amigo Hendrich Van Kalneijyn

CUDDALORE Y^E: 4^TH: MAY 1687

TO THE HON^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R: &C^A: COUNCILL IN FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

Wee have Received yours of the 30^th: past, and now according to order dispatch Sloop James for Conimeer & Shall ℔ next Remit you an acco^t: of her Charges of fitting w^ch: what paid the washers, & for the wood (ordered to bee provided) hath expended the 500: pag^s. lately Received from you and more, soe that wee are out of Cash and cannot goe on w^th: our bussiness, w^th: out you please to Supply us w^th: money to pay our washers &c^a:, in whose hands is a considerable quantity of Cloth & wee have allready Embaled to near the amo^t: of Pag^as: 20000: w^ch: w^th what more shall bee in a readiness Shall bee laden according in order No. 130.

What wood wee have already provided w^th: what more wee expect being to the amount of Pag^as: 100: as ordered will bee Sufficient to lade a ship; therefore wee desire you will please to order; if wee can conveniently Speak w^th: any of the Ships expected from England that they Receive it on board, if not some other Conveighance w^ch: if any offers shall bee Sent you w^ch: w^th: our humble Respects is the needfull from.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Yo^r: most humble & Obedient Serv^t:
JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHRIS: WILSON.

P.S.—Wee shall according to order pay to M^r: Cawleys order the amo^t: of his Servants wages w^ch: could not doe at Present being out of Cash.

Id:
J: D.
R: I.
C: W.

CONIMEER THE 7^TH: MAY 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R:
PRESIDENT &C^A: COUNCILL IN FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

These Serve to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 6^th: 11^th: 19^th: & 30^th: ult°: & the reason why wee have not given answere Sooner and why wee doe not at present is occasioned through the indisposition of M^r: Wilcox, w^ch: Still Continues upon him, tho hope very suddainly to give a reply thereto. No. 131.

Sloop James came to an anchor in this Road the 5^th: Instant upon whome (according to your order) wee have laden all our bales & Indigoe amounting to as ℔ Invoice l'ag^as: 8611: 2: 5: her bill of Ladeing goes herew^th: inclosed, wee would have laden Some wood upon her, but Shee is soe pestred w^th: provisions wood &c^a: from Codalore that shee was hardly able to take in our Bales &c^a: here.

Wee [are clearing of our] Divans debt they haveing clear'd their Bill to us; they are troubling us for [money for w^ch there] is noe quieting of them; please if possible to Send us a Supply to Satisfie them as alsoe for the Expences of the ffactory for wee have not one cash by us neither doe wee know where to gett any, this being the needfull at Present [wee] Respectfully Conclude these Remaining.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your Most humble Servants
JOHN WILCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM PASSANOORE VENKEITY PUTTY FROM CONJEVERON TO Y^E: HON^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R: PRESIDENT DATED THE 9^TH: MAY 1687.

No. 132. I enjoy good health and Should bee glad to heare the like from your hon^r: lately I sent you his Ma^ties Phirmaund for paying the two last years Rent money of your Towne to mee; w^ch: haveing great occation for I desire your hon^r: to send Speedily w^ch: will Continue his Highness the Allumpenhas [favour?] and engage my friendship upon all occations.

I have occation for 10: or 12: Maund of Manilla Tobacco: w^ch: I desire your hon^r: to Supply mee w^th: by the first Conveyance.

I have committed the management of your Parts and Polliacatt affaires to Madana Anto Pontuloo who will come into your Parts whome yo^r: hon^r: may agree w^th: and goe on w^th: your bussiness your hon^r: being an understanding Person I need not enlarge further on this bussiness but Shall allwayes bee ambitious to hear your hon^r: enjoyes your health.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM MADANA ANTA PONTULOO TO THE HON^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R: PRESIDENT DATED Y^E: 9^TH: MAY 1687.

No. 133. I enjoy good health and Should bee glad to hear the like from yo^r: hon^r: lately his Excell^cy Passanoore Venketty Putty was pleased to grant mee the Government of that part of this countrey w^ch: under Sanganas mannagment formerly of w^ch: hee has acquainted yo^r: hon^r: and that In a few dayes I sh[all . . . to] your parts I have Sent to Pullymelle Government Jago Vish[vo]nadoo Pontuloo [. . .] to your Hon^r: about any bussiness please to give Eare to him and answere his desires.

His Excellency has wrote to your hon^r: and Sent his Ma^ties: Phirmaund for the Payment of the two last years Rent money w^ch: please to comply w^th: and Send it w^th: all Speed to Jago Vish[vo]nadoe Pontuloo Governour of Pullymellee Send it with all Speed the Divan haveing great occation for it; your hon^r: being a very wise person Shall enlarge no further Save to desire your hon^r: to keep ffriendship w^th: mee and often to acquaint mee of your hon^rs: Good health.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM JAGO VISHVONADO PONTULOO FROM PULLYMELLE TO THE HON^BLE: W^M: GYFFORD ESQ^R: PRESIDENT DATED THE 12^TH: MAY 1687.

No. 134. I enjoy good health and Should be glad to hear y^e: like from your hon^r; The Governments that were formerly under Sanganas Management his Excellency has been pleased to Committ to Madana Anto Pontuloo Charge his Excellency and hee has wrote to your hon^r: to Send the two last yeares Rent money w^ch: please to bee Speedy in; your hon^r: is soe wise a Person that I need not enlarge further Save to desire your hon^rs: Commands.

To the Hon:ble William Gyfford Esq^r: Conimeer the 12^th: May 1687.
President &c^a: Councill in Fort S^t: George.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

M^r: Wilcox findeing himself declining and to grow worse & worse and haveing tryed all remedys this way w^th: out effect; humbly desire you will please to permitt him to come to y^e: ffort to Seek for a cure there. No. 135.

An unhappy error in our books is the reason why wee have not Sent them as yet; they have been done these four months; only this error keeps them back wee are takeing all the care and paines Immaginable to find it out w^ch: that It may bee the more Effectually done; wee are now Posting them over againe for all other wayes have been tryd to noe purpose as yet, hope this may doe and then Shall forward them immediatly to you w^ch: being the needfull at present wee respectfully Remaine.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your most humble Servants
John Wilcox.
Richard Milton.
Symon Holcombe.

A narrative of Some Transactions happening between the Ship Callicutt Merchant and two Danish near Ships near Mangelore (Viz^r:)

Haveing receed an order from M^r: Thomas Michell owner of the s^d: Callicutt Merchant to proceed upon a voyage to Gombroone in persuance whereof November the 11^th: 1686 wee Sett Sayle from Callicutt and on Tuesday the 16^th: Instant being then the length of Mangalore & in offing about 4 Leagues; a little before Sun Rise my mate haveing then the watch called mee and told mee, that there was two Ships upon our Lee Bow w^ch: were then Standing to the Southward the wind being then broad of Shoar a small gale at E N E^t: or thereabouts; wee Sprunge our Luffe by reason my orders run not to Speak any Ships in the Sea and were designed to run w^th: in them; upon o^r: Springing o^r: Luffe one of the s^d: Ships the Innermost & the Smallest; tacks & Stands into Shoar; and w^th: all puts out an Ensigne wholly redd; the other & the greater w^th: out putting abroad any Colours keeps on his way to the Southward; upon the sunns riseing wee could perceive that they were Dutch built ships w^ch: raised Some doubts in us by reason of a report that wee had mett w^th: all of some danish Pirates that haunted the Seas; but covetting to gett the wind of this Small Shipp; brought us so near, that wee were w^th: in Musket Shott of one another; in w^ch: time wee had cleared our ship as well as wee could for Defence, the Small Ship haveing hawled his boate up along his Side and man'd her sends her aboard us wee hawled up our Courses; w^th: a designe to oppose their entrance comeing w^th: in call of us (the boate being mann'd w^th: Europeans & Dutchmen as wee thought,) wee called to them to keep off, and demands to know what they would have they asked us whence wee were & whither bound whome after wee had satisfied (by a Dutch man that wee had aboard) that wee came from Callicutt & was bound for Gombroon; wee asked them where they were bound; they told us to Gombroon too; this put us into a consternacon; that they should report themselves bound for Gombroon and were Standing when wee first See them to the S^o: ward they asked then if they might come on board, but these circumstances creating in us a great jealosy of them; I deny'd them to come on board upon w^ch: they rowed away immediatly for their own Ship. No. 136.

Now being doubtfull by their actions that they had noe honest designe after the boate was gone; finding that wee could not weather this Ship wee Sett our Courses and bore away thinking to run through between them; upon Seeing us bare away they both taked the Small Ship off and the great Ship to the No:ward to Intercept our getting away from them and at that very time; the wind dying away the two Ships had not wind Enough to put them about; and after the great

Ship was a Stays hee throws out a Danish fflagg & Ensigne, and upon it fires a Gunn but w^th^: out [a Shot and] not caring to trust them; kept our way w^th^: out striking haveing a designe [to run . . .] wind had not failed us; upon his firing the Small Shipp Strikes [his] Moores Ensigne and hoysts a Danish Ensigne & then fires a Shott at us w^ch^: went between our Masts findings wee did not Strike; hee letts fly another w^ch^: grazeing w^th^: in Six foot of our Ship a midship dashed the water in upon o^r^: deck tho (w^ch^: wee much admired at) did not take any place, and immediately after they fired a third w^ch^: went through our Mizen top Sayle and raked the top Sayle yard; now findeing that wee could not gett away from them for want of wind; wee concluded as the Safest way to Strik to them & lowering o^r^: top sailes & hawling up o^r^: Courses I was design'd to Send our boate w^th^: my mate aboard to Show our Pass, but their boats both comeing wee referred it & the great Ships boat boarding us first the mate came aft to mee; and civilly demands whence wee were & whither bound while I was about to Show him our pass to make appear what wee were the other Ships boat claps on board on the other side and her mate comeing aft likewise demands to know who was the Cap^ta^: (as hee expressed himself) I makeing answere that I was the man hee presents a Pistoll at mee uttering Some villifying Termes but upon Second thoughts turns his Pistoll in his hand and Strikes mee w^th^: what force hee could under the Ear w^th^: his pistoll soe as hee knocked mee downe where I lay deprived of Sence; in w^ch^: time they runn amongst o^r^: people and cutt & wounded them in a Strange manner (w^th^: out any Resistance disgust or other reason from us) killed one man a Christian and cutt another mans (a More mans) hand off and haveing Shott him in the thigh the Shott broak his thigh bone: when they had cut Slashed many of our people at their pleasure and drove most of them overboard they came aft againe to mee who by that time was come againe to my Self and the mate of the great Ship presenting a Launce at my brest ask's mee if I would have quarter; I told him I knew not that wee opposed them however rather then doe us any more mischeife to give us quarter upon w^ch^: the former mate of the Small Ship came Aft againe and gives mee a blow on the neck and bids mee gett into their boate the Suddenness of the blow Striking my hatt off and Staying to take it up, hee Shoved mee off the quarter deck Struck our Colours forc't us into their boate & then begun to plunder our Ship after they had done their pleasure the[y] carryed us aboard of the great Ship; where the Cap^ta^: (who Speaks English) orders mee to bee brought into y^e^: Cabin to him; where I begun to complaine of the ill-usage of his People towards us and showed him how wee were abused; hee demands to know what wee were, I satisfied him that wee were Englishmen & that our Ship belonged to M^r^: Thomas Michell Cheife to y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: affaires in Callicutt; hee demands my Pass w^ch^: I shewed him and upon perusall finding one clause w^ch^: runn (for the more Secure navigating) hee Catches at that word more [and . . .] look here is not this a Mores Ship but after Some more discourse wherein I endeavour[ed . . .] word more to him (tho I conceive hee knew y^e^: meaning) well enough hee [sent . . .] Leiv^t^: Cabin and there sett a guard upon mee and then Examined all our people apart; w^th^: many Promises that if they would discover that y^e^: Ship and goods were Moors they Should have all their own goods to a farthing w^th^: gratuity but findeing all to agree in own tale, hee sent for mee againe into y^e^: Cabin [but] while I was in the round house under that guard; I questioned Severall of their people where they were going & whence they came, they told mee they came from Trincombar & Some told mee they were bound for Persia some s^d^: Mocha Some for Surrat; Some s^d^: they knew not whither the[y] were bound one told mee they had warrs w^th^: the Moors by reason they had taken one of their Ships w^th^: severall Such different Storys w^ch^: made mee really conclude to mySelf that they were the Pyrat's but after I was come into y^e^: Cabin where I found the Cap^ta^: of the other Ship and all or most of the Officers sitting togeather they repeated y^e^: former questions: and then begun to Invalidate o^r^: Pass, as that It was insignificant for want of a Seal & that it was not in the power of the

Cheife to grant a pass to his owne Ship after I had returned an answere to all these Interrogatorys hee then asked mee that wee being English wherefore wee made that opposition and had killed him one of his men for Indeed one of his men was desperatly wounded wth: a Shott in his Shoulder but by none of us but as wee conjecture by one of their owne men when they fired amongst ours I made answere it was done by none of our people, hee told mee that I must make him Satisfaccon for the life of one of his Kings Subjects whom hee was accomptable to his King for and when I answered that the man was not dead; yett if hee was [w]ee had not done it [and] were not liable to answere it; his Doctor [attested] hee could not live; and upon his urging Still for Sattisfaccon: I told him that as wee were prisoners wee were at his discretion I could doe nothing wth: that hee Sent mee up into the Round house againe under y^{e}: former Guard and then brought our people again under Examinacon Severally w^{ch}: haveing done a 3^{d}: time I was brought before them where I found a book as I presume a Bible lying upon y^{e}: table the first demand hee made was whither I would Swear that the Ship and goods was all belonging to the English (a thing w^{ch}: I could not Swear) the Sight of the book Struck wth: a little fear that hee would putt an Oath upon mee but Knowing that I must carry it off to the push; and that at last I could evade the Oath; I told him that I would (tho hee did not putt it upon mee) then hee demanded againe Satisfaccon; for the life of one of his Kings Subjects I Still argued; that I knew not that It was done by any of us; then hee told mee that yes it was done by my mate and that hee had confes'd hee had done it by my order I was amaized to hear him Say it well knowing there was noe Such thing; and told him I could not beleive that hee had done it at all yet if hee had, [. . .] of mine; hee Still argued that it was so hee had confest it before all these men; and therefore hee would expect Satisfaccon; I held to my former Plea that as wee were Prisoners hee might doe what hee pleased wth: us; but for Satisfaccon I could make him none; Still hee Pleaded and Swore that my mate had Confest hee had Killed him and s^{d} that if it was not done by my order if I would give him a Certificate that my Mate had Killed him hee would Release us, I told him I could not doe it; when hee yet againe Swore that hee had confest it before them and unless I would give him Such a note whereby hee could bee accomptable to his King for; hee would not clear mee, I yett argued that I could not beleive it; therefore for Confirmacon: desired that my Mate might bee brought to my face: and that if hee then would own it I could Say more otherwise not; then Sayes hee give mee a note that it was not done by your order & I would clear you; I thought it was better to comply upon any reasonable Termes then to bee obstinate soe that I writt a note after this Tenor; that whereas Such an accident happened that one of his men was wounded; as I knew not by whome it was done; Soe did I disavowe the act; that it was any ways done by my order when hee had perused it; hee told mee how that was not Sufficient; but that I must write that hee had made us Satisfaccon w^{ch}: I utterly refused telling him; how and after what manner; wee were plundered as I could See out of the Round house windowes as their boats brought the things on board, hee bid mee however write the note because it was late; the Sunn being Setting and hee would cause every thing to bee restored I refused it and desired leave to goe on board to See what was wanting and then upon restoracon: I would give him my note wth: that hee gave mee leave and Sent mee on board wth: his boate where when I came I found our Ship Plundered to Extremity Save that they had broak noe locks but what was open they had Swept all; I found likewise (w^{ch}: I did not know till then that one of our men was killed another his thigh bone broak and his hand cutt off besides near a dozen more wth: small wounds my own neck was at that time soe swelled wth: the blow that I could not turne my head for about ten dayes after; had taken all our armes from us: had taken all our cloths: had Kept us Prisoners & had kept us out of possession of our Shipp from 8 in the morning till 8 at night and had plundered us to that Severity that if wee had been a lawfull prize; they could not have well done more for the time after I had surveyed

things and taken an acco^{t}: as near as then I could of what materiall things was wanting I went on board and gave him an acco^{t}; and then made my [Complaint about the [d]eath of that man & y^{e}; loss of the other mans Limbs wth: the wounds that [Severall people] had received complaining that It would be the ruine of o^{r}: Voyage, the loss of our armes being had upon that dangerous Coast [but the] damage done to our men was much worse & that our voyage Inevitably losst, and being Much afflicted at, and bemoaning our case hee Seemed to bee Somewhat touched wth: and Promised a Surrender of every the least thing provided I would give him a note that wee were Satisfied; when I urged the death of our man & the loss of our other peoples limbs and wounds, hee countervailed all these hee s^{d}: by the death of one of his Europeans and for the other part our damages hee would make restitution, and Immediatly gave order for the returning of our things in the meantime desireing mee to write the note w^{ch}: I was constrained to doe it being late, that wee might bee returned aboard of our owne Ship soe that I writt what is here copied Viz^{t}:

> Whereas y^{e}: Callicut Merchant Thomas Dobson Mast^{r} meeting wth: two Ships one a Ship belonging to his Ma^{tie}: the King of Denmark Cap^{ta}: George Banes Command^{r}: thereof; the other belonging to the Hon^{ble}: East India Comp^{a}: of the S^{d}: Kingdome; and upon Ignorance that wee friends, Some wounds being received on both Sides one man Slaine and Some more damage done to us w^{ch}: the s^{d}: Cap^{ta}: has endeavoured to make Satisfac̃on for our damages and that wee haveing received what satisfac̃on in our case probably could bee expected; are Satisfied for the Same on all sides as wittnesseth my hand this 16th: 9^{ber}: anno domini 16~6.

After the delivery of this note haveing liberty to depart I took what was restored to carry on board haveing a promise of the Residue the next day; and that their doctor should come on board to dress our wounded men; w^{ch}: hee did accordingly and all the time wee were in Comp^{a}: wth: him useing all his endeavours to gett us our things againe and as the[y] gott them sent them on board againe and when hee could finde noe more, hee Sent his Leiv^{t}: and Steersman to take an acco^{t}: of the vallue of what was wanting and hee would pay the mony Severall Passengers that wee had on board being the greatest Sufferers & they findeing his civill usage of us afterwards & that hee was Seemingly Sorry for what was done, were soe generous that upon many times prompting for an acco^{t}: yett would they give none but owned themselves fully Satisfied; and Promised that it should noe ways prejudice the Ships Interest on their acco^{t}: as [. . .] such damages under us, and haveing returned the Ships utensills to an [incon . . .] viz^{t}: 4 Swords, and a fowling peece Staved: I thought it best to quitt that, that wee might quietly goe about our bussiness and hav ing Kept him Company till ffryday ffollowing for the benefitt of his Doctor who dayly came on board to dress our people, and furnishing us with Some Salves to perfect the Cure; about two a clock that afternoone wee parted from him; being then near the length of Mergen; at my departure hee gave mee three Gunns whose Salute I returned wth 3 more; afterwards one w^{ch}; wee likewise returned and then made the best of o^{r}: way for our Port of Gombroone; these are the more materiall circumstances that are worthy the takeing notice off; and are attested by mee.

THOMAS DOBSON.

CUDDALORE THE 14TH MAY 1687.

To THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

No. 187. Wee have received yours of the 9th: Curr^{t}: wth: y^{e}: accompanying bill of Ladeing & Invoice for what laden on the Bow Vista, for y^{e}: amo^{t}: of w^{ch}: Shall Credit your acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: if you please not to rectifie your Invoice w^{ch}: wee finde to bee much overcharged; the broadcloth being vallued at Pag^{s}: 18 ℔ half peece

and y^{e}: rest of the goods wee Suppose in proportion, w^{ch}: will very much lessen the proffits of this ffactory, tho augment yo^{r}: owne w^{ch}: it would have at last by being Transferrd thither but things then not Soe plainly appear to our R^{tt}; Hon^{ble}; Masters; w^{ch}; wee would willingly have, that they may have the encouragement they have for the continuance of the Settlement of these ffactorys please to excuse our ffreedome, being noe more then necessary, to bee discours'd wth: respects.

I here inclosed remitt you two Letters w^{ch}: wee reĉed from M^{r}: Bowry at 9 this night (w^{ch}: will not permitt us to Enlarge thereon) to w^{ch}: desire you will please to bee referred, haveing before to him and the Subidar about it haveing had Intelligence of the bussiness from our Cheife Dubash at Porto Novo before to M^{r}: Bowry that as hee own'd the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Protection, soe hee ought to have applyed himself to us (as their Representatives) in all matters depending between him and any of the natives & not to have writed himself as hee has done in inflicting any thing of punishment on them as [. . . the] Import of his Letters; & not wth:standing hee hath been Soe irregular in his proceedings wee will doe what lay in our power to Rescue him wth:out incommoding the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires provided hee will give [Bond] of pag^{as}: 10,000: to Endemnifie them, otherwise hee must compose the difference himself [tho] thus farr wee think ourSelves obliged to maintaine the hon^{r}: of our Nation, and the priveleidge of our Countrey as to Suffer none to bee clapt in Prison and Irons wth:out being Satisfied the reason; but to prevent Such ill Presidents [*sic*] for the future; therefore desire your order how to proceed herein, till w^{ch}: Shall offer nothing of hostillitys; tho indeed tis soe great an affront as Sufficient to animate the Spirits of any men to Seek their Satisfaccon.

What wee have wrote to the Subidar about it is that wee admire his incivillity in tollerateing soe gross abuses to bee offered to us for w^{ch}: wee expected Satisfaccon: & that hee would acquaint us the reason of his barbarous Imprisonement of our people in that manner, & release him; otherwise hee might expect to hear further from us; wee being competent Judges to punish the offences of our owne people according to Merrit, being free Merchants; and noe wayes to bee Governed by their Laws, but only Oblig'd to pay the Customes of our Trade; w^{ch}; was a Sufficient Obligaĉon to them to treat us wth more civillity; being almost courted every where where wee might have much greater priviledges confer'd on us and bee free imposed upon us here, w^{ch}; if not mittigated would oblige us (in time) to consider thereof.

Wee desire you would please to Supply us money as Soone as you can convenyently, being soe much Streightned for want of it; that all our affaires are at a Stand; w^{ch}: very much incommodes them: for should wee happen to have a Short Stock; our Merchant would certainly hold their hands (our Obligaĉons to them already being soe Considerable) therefore the best way will bee to drive on o^{r}: trade to the greatest height wee can before the arrivall of the Ships that Soe you may bee the better provided for your September dispatches w^{ch}: is what wee call to minde at Present soe Crave leave to Subscribe.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your Most Humble & Obedient
Serv^{ts}:
JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHR: WILSON.

M^{r}: JOHN DAVIS &c^{a}: COUNCILL. PORTO NOVO MAY 14th: 1687.

Hon^{ble}: S^{rs}:

No. 138. I Haveing given 400 Pag^{as}: about two months Since to Amad Marcar to buy cloth for me & 4 dayes Since I went to demand my cloth who denied it & Say'd hee Stopt my money on acco^{t}: of y^{e}: last voyage my Ship made who by Contract was to Goe to Atcheen or Quedah; but y^{e}: Ship falling in wth: Junckseloan & being in want of wood and water they touched there; and when they were there y^{e}: Master in two dayes had gott what hee wanted and would have proceed[ed] the

voyage to Quedah but Amad Marcars Servt: intreated him to Stay there of wch: I can produce Severall witnesses but the Ship Staying there and his goods comeing to bad market; hee demands the loss of mee wch: caused our falling out and one of his Servants talking & telling severall Impudent Lyes I Stroke him being in the Companys ffactory on wch: Amod Marcar went to the avaldar & haveing feed him wth: 50: Pagas: I was sent for I being in the ffactory denied to goe to him till hee promised I Should returne Immediately; who contrary to his word has Kept mee this three dayes wth: 2 pair of Irons on my Leggs & putts mee in his peons Cookroom for a Prison and my Servants and alsoe Chillimbrum desired to come to mee hee now demanding unjustly 1300 Pagas: for 100: Slaves wch: Amad Marcar has told him went on my Ship wth: out Custome paying wch: they Say I must pay; or else produce the owner of the Slaves who is Meer Cung Marcar who they all Know very well and that hee now lives at Chiale out of their Reach but they Say if I cannot produce him I must pay the money wch: Justice I referr you to Judge of, this is the Cheife thing they demand now; Saying it is the Divans and must bee paid first, but when that is paid they say there is other accots: to make wth: mee for Amod Marcars loss on his goods and Meer Cungs loss on his Slaves; although I have cleared what Meer Cung by law in Trincumbar haveing recovered 600 pagas: of him all wch: they Say I must pay they Intending to ruine mee; they haveing mee now in their hands I therefore desire and intreat you would please to order Some person down here and give mee your assistance to clear mee out of their hands; wch: unless Somebody comes will not bee done by Letters; although the Subidar is willing to release mee & has ordered the Avaldar not to lett mee bee kept in Irons, yett Contrary to his order I am and I fear Shall bee Still unless assisted by your [self or] one of the Councills comeing here wth: the Cheife Dubash for the Avaldar I am inf [ormed is] inveterate against mee for Chillimbrum Speaking for mee; and Amad Marcar tells them I am a run away; & [noe body] will Protect mee; that they may doe what they please wth: mee wth: out fear & [therefore] as you are my Countrey men & I hope friends and alsoe by my Protection wch: I have granted from the Honble: Compa: I hope and humbly desire your Speedy assistance I have not been permitted pen and paper else Should have wrote Sooner I being treated at the rate of a Murtherer they Sent Peons on board my Ship yesterday to unhang her Ru[dd]er but my mate would not permitt them wch: is all at present being not in a Condition of Presenting my Service to you but remaine.

Srs.
Your most humble Servant that would bee but at present weighed down wth: Irons.
Thomas Bowry.

I would enlarge but my keepers comeing in I cannot.

I hear Amad Marcar has got leave of the Avaldar to goe on board my Ship to day wth: his People to unhang her rudder; he Saying hee intends to have the Ship. Since your Letter came last night to the Subidar to release mee I have been used worse then before.

Mr: Davis.

Honoured Sr: Porto Novo the 14th: May 1687.

No. 139. Since my Letter wch: I wrot this morning I understand that this night came a letter to the Subidar and Avaldar from Nullu Buckoor Marcar who is at Trimlevass who advices them that they have done very ill in imprisoning mee; and that by yor: assistance it may bring a great deal of trouble on them and alsoe advices them that I am not in fault; the Slaves wch: went on my Ship not being mine and therefore noe reason I Should pay the Custome and Severall other arguments hee uses to them to clear mee but the Avaldar haveing taken a fee hee prosecuts the Chulea, Amad Marcars revenge on mee to the thinnest Except they would Murther mee I understand these things from one of the Avaldars Servants who is always near him I haveing bribed him to acquaint mee wth:

Passages ; but I hope in God I shall have a time to have my Satisfaccon of Amad Marcar for his makeing mee wear Irons &c^{a} :

S^{r} :

Your Most humble Servant in affliction

THOMAS BOWRY.

SWALLY MARINE THE 18TH : MARCH 168$\frac{8}{7}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : WILLIAM GYFFORD PRESIDENT FOR THE R^{TT} : HON^{BLE} : COMP^{AS} : AFFAIRES ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL &C^{A} :

Coppy of our last Secret Generall that went by one Cap^{ta} : Hicks is now inclosed to w^{ch} : wee referr you for what worthy your Knowledge to that time Since w^{ch} : is come to us a Small Ship from Bengall called the Cesar ; Shee brings us noe acceptable news & indeed what from the [sic] &c^{a} : wee are drove near to a great loss, but wee must take courage as becomes us and see to make the best of a bad Market and Since wee cannot doe soe well as wee would ; See to doe as well as wee can wee Stood out Some time & would give noe passes then designing to lay hold of the expected Bussorah Ships &c^{a} : but they not falling in as might bee reasonably Expected made us mistrust that the fear of the Danes made them not adventure out of the Gulph of Persia w^{ch} : hath proved *true* for they ly at Congo Empty ; and all the money and goods that was on board them landed and Secured as wee have an acco^{t} : from Persia by the Tonqueen who going to the west of the Maldives was hove on the Arabb Shoar & Soe went to Gombroon Soe that Seeing noe hopes that way made us on the Governers request consent to give Passes resolveing when the Ships were Laden to have laine hold on them and in this wee Expected to Prosper but the Danes comeing up to the N^{o} : ward againe and an unhappy action of Cap^{ta} : Nox in Chaseing Severall Small vessells in the Gulph of Persia & takeing one belonging to Congo w^{ch} : is redelivered hath raised all peoples Jealousys of us soe that none will lade any goods on any of the Countrey Ships wherefore wee adviced and thought it best to offer a Ship for ffreight to Mocha w^{ch} : the Merchants accepted off ; this wee did to encourage the natives to Send to Sea that Seeing wee could not reach our first designe wee might meet wth : them comeing back & if the[y] Should not bee encouraged to lade their Ships yett wee might by that way Secure our Ships Charges and not lett the Dutch wholly laugh at us and carry all away ; but wee are not certaine how wee Shall yett Steer awaiteing oppertunity to lay hold on Some what worth the makeing [. . .] unanimously all agreeing in this not to ffly at Small game [. . .] Employ our Ships as well as wee can ; and keep faire then make a noise & take Empty or poorly laden vessells w^{ch} : [must] clearly bee of great prejudice in our opinions to the R^{tt} : Hon^{ble} : Company and to involve ourSelves & their affaires into great troubles wth : out any advantage must certainly bee accompted in us a very great weakness. No. 140.

Charles the Second wee think of ladeing wth : ffreight for Mocha & the Madena for Bussorah when wee have dispatched them wee Shall give you an acco^{t} : of what Course wee have taken ; orders wee give now to all Cammand^{rs} : to Seize and take all Ships & vessells belonging to the King of Syam or his Subjects ; a ffrench Ship is arrived here from Syam that gives an acco^{t} : of Cap^{ta} : Lakes being in Prison ; and of his Ships leaveing the Barr of Syam before they came thence 8 dayes Soe that wee hourly Expect her ; wee have not more to add here but that wee are.

Your Obliged ffriends & humble Servants

JOHN CHILDE.
C. ZINZAN.
BAR^{o} : HARRIS.
JOHN GLADMAN.
JAMES KING.

To the Hon^ble: W^m: Gyfford President for the
R^tt: Hon^ble: Companys affaires on the Coast of Cormandell
&c^a: & Councill at Fort S^t: George. in the Bay of Beng^ll:

No. 141. Our last to you was of the 22^d: passed; whose Coppie wee now enclose; wee find a mistake committed in what wrott concerning M^r: Harbin by his acco^ts: in the Carwars Books hee is a debtor Sungaree Pagodaes 785: 14: 3: besides what hee hath as then advized charged pag^das: 974: 12: on acco^t: [of] clearing that bussiness of the two Boyes and Cow when according to all y^e: enquire can bee made was expended noe more then nestrary pag^as: 79: as ℔ the particulars in a Paper now Sent given in by M^r: Walsall; w^ch: is but Sungaree Pag^as: 52: 32: Soe that for this hee Remaines a debtor [Sungaree pag^as:] 921: 28: and lately a letter is come to us from Tymana Gopanna who [. . . of] 600 pag^as: as taken up of him by M^r: [Harbin] when Cheife and being one that often hath lent money for the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^as: occations will have it to bee for their acco^t: wee enquired of M^r: Walsall concerning it; who tells us that Tymana brought a Bill to him Signed by M^r: Harbin for Pag^as: 600: on his Particular acco^t: but Tymana demands it as lent on the R^tt: Hon^ble: Companys acco^t: and will most certainly recover it of the ffactors at Carwar wee must therefore desire you to Secure the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^a: in all as ℔ proceeding demands Sungaree Pag^as: 2306: 42: Each Pag^a: is Rupees 4: before you lett M^r: Harbin goe home, and further lett him ingage w^th: good Security for all future Lawfull demands that may bee made on him w^ch: wee think but reason.

The Tonqueen Merchant wee thank God Safely arrived Bombay the Ultimo passed; but as yett is not come up to us, but as yett noe news of the Emrald ffrigott; neither is the Prudent Mary come to us; and wee are in great want of Ship London from the Mallabar Coast that wee have by a reasonable computacon Expected this two Months; Shee went to the Queen of Attingas Countrey and wee fear from her long Stay that the Dutch have gave Some great trouble or hindrance to her there for wee cannot Immagine elce should detard her soe long God Sending her in wee Shall in few dayes dispatch the welfare for England; and if the Prudent Mary comes to us in any time wee designe her away for England a winter Ship.

This Small Ship arrived w^th: us from Bengall Some dayes agoe; the news our ffriends in the Bay write by her is not soe good as wee could wish; wee Expect dayly the Quedah Merchant and Cap^ta: Johnson by whome wee hope to have better news; as yett its carryed fair between us and the Government here the new Governour doth Pretend to doe much for us Coppy of the Generalls Letter to him is now Sent, on the Governours Intreaties wee consented to give passes to their Ships Some dayes agoe; but as yett they have not Sent for them; and truely wee beleive from the dread the natives have of the Dains and fear of us from the Quarrell in the Bay that not one Ship will goe to Sea this monSoone; but what goes under Dutch and ffrench Colours; and under their Protection the ffrench have Ingaged lately and undertaken for 4 Ships soe that wee are at a great loss; and have Entertain'd thoughts of contriveing it soe that wee may make y^e: Ships by Some Service bear [. . .] that the R^tt: Hon^ble: Company may not bee loosers by them; if wee can doe noe [. . .].

Wee have received from the R^tt: Hon^ble: Company. Coppie of the new Charter given them by his Present Maj^tie: dated the 12^th: Aprill last; w^ch: wee now send you and haveing not else to add rest.

Inclosed goes a Packet Just now
Rec̃d by the Tonqueen.

Hon^ble: S^r: & S^rs:
Your Affectionate humble serv^ts:
John: Childe.
C. Zinzan.
John Gladman.
James King.

THE ADDRESSES OF S^{R}: JOHN CHILD BARRONETT GENERALL FOR THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{AS} AFFAIRES IN INDIA PERSIA &C^{A}: UNTO Y^{R}: ILLUSTRIOUS LORD MAUTMUTT CAUN GOVERNOUR OF THE CITTY & PROVINCE OF SURRATT.

May it Please your Lordship.

I was yesterday honoured wth: your kind Letter w^{ch}: is of high Esteem wth: mee and I hope through your wisdome and Justice to have redress for those Severall great Greivances I have laboured under for Some time; my bussiness in this part of the world is wholly trade wearing a conscience in all my actions & Studying more to bee accounted good then great w^{ch}: your Lordship must know I am Satisfied in a great measure in yourSelf and for your further Satisfaccon may Certainly informe yo^{r}: Self throughly on enquire and it cannot bee said of my nation that ever it was guilty of any baseness nor ever took any peoples Countreys from them and deposed Kings as the Dutch hath; but as I have Conscience & tender care to harme none soe I have a Sence when I am abused & power force and Courage to wright my wrongs and Injuries on all Such as Shall most grosly abuse mee I bear very much wth: the Government of Surat in hopes the time might make them see their Errors and give over their abuses but instead of that I have experienced that my great patience instead of doeing mee good from bas [e and revengful] ll spirits brought mee ever unto the [Scandall] of all that I was exposed [. . .] of all & Abdull Gophore wth: [. . .] &c^{a}: raised on mee a base report publickly in the Town would have mee bee accounted a theife and Robber under w^{ch}: Scandall I have now layne Six months to my great loss and damage and yett to this time I have continued patient and not taken that Satisfaccon and Revenge; that Justly I might and am able to doe Abdull Gophore &c^{a}: hath wronged mee much and my loss by his meanes is very great ffive month have I lived here; from w^{ch}: my bussiness hath very much suffered in many respects money and goods to a great sum̃ lyes dead on board my Ship and 7 Ships wth: many vessells lye at a great Charge unimployed my demands for this is very great w^{ch}: I shall particularize to your Lordship on your promise to See that Justice bee done mee on him &c^{a}: and if you cannot doe it then in Such case I will lett Abdull Gophore and all the world know that I will not bear abuses long^{r}: but make him and all know and feel that I can & will wright my Wrongs on them; but this baseness of Abdull Gophores &c^{a}: hath much awakened mee & put mee upon complaining to you of other Agreivances w^{ch}: I humbly present to your Lordship in the ffollowing lines. No. 142.

There was Petitt & Boucher two wicked and naughty men falce Serv^{ts}: that have been protected by the Government from mee for Some time w^{ch}: I can noe longer bear the ffirst is dead the latter wth: all Englishmen in the Towne not in my house I would have delivered up to mee.

It hath been an antient priviledge Sutable to our Phirmaund that noe goods that wee bring hither from fforreigne parts not to Sell before exportacon that wee pay noe Custome nor have any trouble in Landing or Shipping of any goods in this place now your Drogah here give mee great hindrances & troubles w^{ch}: ought to bee remidied & Castabub Caun forced away from mee Custome for goods that came from Mocha, the money taken to bee paid mee back & to Enjoye the Priviledge as formerly.

Our Custome for great and Eminent Services to the Towne of Surat was by the Kings Phirmaund to bee but two ℔ Cent but for Some years lately hath been taken from mee 3 ℔ Cent of money and goods to my great loss and discouragement my Custome I expect to bee reduced to 2 ℔ Cent and restitution made for what hath taken soe injuriously and opressively from mee above that.

I always for near this 100 years enjoyed the Priviledges of Importing & Exporting Such provissions of d[. . . &c^{a}] for my use wth: out being in the least disturbed till lately by the Officers in Sali[. . .] who did mee not only great damage in detaining and breaking my liquor a [. . .] to have paid mee back and not bee abused the like for the future.

My Caphilah Robbed comeing from Doum gaum & lately from Amadawad &c^{a}: Robbed & noe Satisfaccon made not wth: Standing all dilligence in mee hath not been wanting Satisfaccon: for Such wrongs I expect.

There is Severall owes mee money at Surat (of w^{ch} : Some are Richmen) that I cannot gett in w^{ch} : I expect to bee assisted in by your Lordships order.

I have Sustained great damages by the naughtiness of the Drogah of the mint who to gaine Somewhat to themselves have hindred the Coineing my money w^{ch} : hath proved to mee very great Damage and putt a great Stop to my bussiness ; that to bee remedied for the future and because that my Importacõn of Silver is greater then all the Europeans Joyned together ; that I have a place assign'd mee in the Mint house that the Drogah may not have Command over to give any hindrance in the Coyneing my money.

That I have a warehouse allowed mee at the water Side as the Dutch have to prevent my goods being tumbled to and fro : in the Custome house to my great damage & that all my goods goe into that warehouse and there cleared wth : out delayes as my occation may require.

My Garden wth : the house &c^{a} in it taken from mee to a Considerable vallue w^{ch} : I expect to bee paid for to the full.

I have many other agreivances & requests to present to your Lordship but at present forbear giveing any further trouble till I hear more from your Lordship I am Sorry for the great difference between the English & the Government at Hugly ; but if I may beleive what I hear from many as is wrote mee, the English were Even forced for what they did ; God keep your Lordship and Send peace as is the desire and shall bee the Endeavours off.

Your Lordships

Swally Marine February 27th : 168$\frac{6}{7}$. Humble Servant.

Cuddalore the 18th May 1687.

To the Hon^{ble} William Gyfford Esq^{r} : President & Govern^{r} : &c^{a} : Council in Fort S^{t} : George.

Hon^{ble} : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

No. 143. Wee [have] Received yo^{rs} : of the 12th : Curr^{t} : and are Sorry for your presentments ; that [. . oblige] the Merchants to any better Termes for the Interest and takeing of the [. . .] their former prices w^{ch} : is not to bee [impu]ted to any fault of ours (haveing used all endeavours) being obliged to follow order in contracting on the Conditions wee did ; w^{ch} : would not bee received from wth : out disanulling all that was done w^{ch} : was at your pleasure & would have been noe less trouble to have confirmed it againe then their was at first (if to have been at all) for wee could never urge anything more then at first concluded on but received for answere wee were at our own choice either to accept or Refuse and Since what wee have done wth : soe much trouble and vexacõn, hath been noe kindlyer accepted ; wee could have wished wth : all our hearts that you had done it your Selves as indeed you did in Effect being done by your order and then wee should have been blameless (as wee are now) as beleive wee Shall for the future for contracting on the conditions now done being never to bee expected (the Countrey not being able to vend Such great quantitys of Europe goods for constancy as it would bee Supplyed wth :) as you will finde when you please to Experiment it, but wish you much better Success ; and did endeavour (at your order) to oblige the Merchants to goe and treat wth : you w^{ch} : desired to bee excused from for reasons best Known to themselves.

Wee herewth : remitt you M^{r} : Wilsons attestacõn for the want of the Packing Stuffe ; and Shall Recharge it to your acco^{t} :

As for the passes if you are not pleas'd to give them Gratis, wee Shall never bee troubled for any ; the Dutch and ffrench doeing it to encour[a]ge the trade of their Ports as wee have done ; never Receiveing one farthing for any.

Wee have received the 1700 dollars (Sent ℔ land) wth : Ship Trivel[ca]anes Invoice & bill of ladeing and Shall Credit you for the amount ; if you please not to rectifie it as desired in our last of the 5th : Curr^{t} : and Shall trouble you noe oftner for money then wee cannot Supply ourSelves else where ; which endeavour by all means to doe being Sencible how much

you are Streightned for it; the dollars doubt Shall not bee able to dispose of at the rate Charged at, but Shall doe it at the best wee can.

Wee shall observe your order to send what wood wee can by y^e^: Treivelecane after wee have Stript our bales, and what shall remaine shall send by any Europe Ship wee can meet w^th^: or other conveiance that first offers, if you approve thereof.

Herew^th^: remitt you an acco^t^: of the particulars of the charge of fitting Sloop James w^th^: her acco^t^: Curr^t^: to w^ch^; desire you will please to bee referr'd and Cred^t^: our acco^t^: Curr^t^: for the amount w^ch^: w^th^: our humble respects is the needfull from.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your Most humble & Obedient
Serv^ts^:
John Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
Chris: Wilson.

The Bill of ladeing is not yett come to hand.
I.d. J.D.
R.I.
C.W.

Conimeer the 17^th^: May 1687.

To the hon^ble^: William Gyfford Esq^r^:
President &c^a^: Councill in Fort S^t^: George.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Wee Shall now respectfully give answere to yours of y^e^: 6^th^: 11^th^: & 30^th^: ult^o^: & 12^th^: & 14^th^: Instant and had done it Sooner but hindred by M^r^: Wilcox his Indisposition as before advised of; and first according to your orders wee have been endeavouring all that in us Lyes to perswade our Merchants to take off some Greens w^th^: the Redds but all in vaine nothing will work upon them; they tell us the[y] have perform'd their Contract, and in it have Served the Comp^a^: well, and to their own loss, and they have noe reason yett to Suffer a greater by takeing Greens Contrary to their List by w^ch^: they Know they Shall bee Such great loosers, accordingly therefore Seeing noe possibility of prevailing according to your order, wee have deliver'd them the Copper &c^a^: in y^e^: Roome of the vermillion, Corrall and Quicksilver, w^ch^: was wanting to bee made good to them according to their List. No. 144.

Ours of the 25^th^: January last; at large gave you an acco^t^: (w^ch^: wee humbly referr to you) that w^th^: out our Debt was paid twas Impossible for our Merch^ts^: to goe forward w^th^: our September proposalls, wee were the more particular there in that our advices Might bee the more intelligible, and free and clear from any further disputes upon that acco^t^: but you are pleas'd to write us that notw^th^: Standing you were not able to pay our debt, yett you thought however that the September Contract had gon on but if you will please to peruse our foremenconed Letter of the 25^th^: January you will plainly See that the payment of our debt was to bee the Commencement of our Contract and Soe vice versa and as for abatement upon the Europe goods, when wee doe Contract wee have reason to think our Merchants will bee pleading to have the Same priviledge as the Cuddalore Merchants have upon acco^t^: of abatements for the Mischeivous example of that place has been ever the occation of continued trouble to us, nither will our Merchants bee ever quiet when M^r^: Davis &c^a^: Such [seek?] Such ffavour to their Merchants there, till they have the Same kindness here ourSelves and ffactory have y^e^: trouble and disgrace of it Since tis Soe wee cant help it, however wee give you this assurance there Shall bee noe more abatement upon Europe goods here, w^th^: out order what was done before you know the Circumstances and yett notw^th^: Standing had not [done] it nither, had not wee [first orders] dated the 30^th^: last September & 14^th^: October but why Cuddalore should ta[ke], example, wee know not, the Circumstances of time and other particulars

clearly Stand out against them, but of this wee have given you a large acco^{t}: in ours of the formencõned 25th: January to w^{ch}: againe please to bee referr'd by this wee Observe M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: will huddle up any thing to excuse their favour to the Merchants, tho they fetch their arguments to the wrong defamacõn and injury of their Neighbours, but Injustice cant last long as to what you are pleased to write that our Merchants did not bring in their goods in time to goe home by y^{e} Shrewsbury there was by 3 or 4 dayes difference, and had the Ship Stayed and not gone to Cuddalore, they might have been all Ship't upon her, and the loss of these 3 or 4 days likewise was the washers faults for our Merchants brought in their goods time Enough, but want of money and few washers, kept the cloth Something behind.

Upon the delivery of the Concords goods to our Merchants, wee were all of us present and finde that y^{e}: damage could not come from y^{e}: Concord for those Bales that wee formerly adviced were wet, haveing dry'd them our Merch^{ts}: have taken them off but the others appear'd an old damage wee Suppose in Bengall because the cloth is all dry: noe appearance of wett upon the Surplices, worme eaten and very much Stained, upon w^{ch}: acco^{t}: therefore wee have Sent you y^{e} Concords bill of ladeing the Copper and lead held out well but as for the Tinn wee Know not what to Say to that as yett because you have advic'd us there was an Error in the Invoice w^{ch}: when you are pleas'd to Rectifie and Send us, Shall then know how that holds out likewise.

Wee Expect y^{e}: new Subidar here to morrow (hee is now att Pullicherry) when hee comes Shall Satisfie him wth: as Moderate a present as possible as you are pleas'd to order.

Wee have a good Stock of wood by us and according to your order Shall Send it you by the first oppertunity of Europe or any other Shipping but Rafts wee finde will come out dear, Catamarans much more.

M^{r}: Goodwin was here, but before your orders came was gone to Pullicherry and there as wee hear imbarke himself upon Leshlys Ship.

The Dollars you were pleas'd to Send us, wee have received, for w^{ch}: Shall give you Creditt accordingly and returne our humble thanks, for this Soe necessary a Supply.

M^{r}: [. . . will] never bee quiet, but will bee [ever beginning] of differences, wee are always upon the defensive part, and this too disobliges them but if they begin wee hope they will give us leave to make an end, M^{r}: Davis writes us a Couple of misterious letters full of Parenthesiss w^{ch}: wee Sinceerly protest to you, wee could tell what to make of, but according as wee understood them Soe wee gave answere thereunto, it Seem wee did not hit aright of their meaning and this puts him upon complaint, and Seekeing new trouble, but please to observe in this action whither it does not wholly tend to difference, for where as they write you they will put all the blame upon us, if they doe any thing amiss in their Contract, and yett in another Generall from thence they write us they will trouble us noe further about it, both Coppies of ours and M^{r}: Davis &c^{a}: his Generalls wee herewth: Send for your perusall and our Justificacon w^{ch}: being the needfull at present wee Subscribe these respectfully remaining.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your most humble Servants.

JOHN WILLCOX.
RICHARD MILTON.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.

P:S.

M^{r}: Willcox thanks bee to God finds himself now Some thing better, but does intend according to your permition, to come to the ffort to perfect his cure there.

Id. J. W.
R. M.
S. H.

To Mr: John Willcox Cheife &c^{a}: Councill in Conimeer. Cuddalore th 19th: Aprill 1687.

S^{rs}:

Being now upon y^{e}: delivery of the remainder of our goods to the Merchants; they have Objected against y^{e}: receiveing of them on the Conditions as agreed wth: your Merchants w^{ch}: you formerly acquainted us as to what already deliver'd them; but nothing as to what you are or may deliver them more, w^{ch}: our Merchants advice us are agreed for as to the price; wee therefore desire you to Send us coppie of your last contract, that soe wee may governe our Selves accordingly w^{ch}: is y^{e}: needfull from. No. 145.

S^{rs}:
Your Affectionate ffriends
John Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
Chri: Wilson.

To Mr: John Willcox Cheife &c^{a}: Council in Conimeer. Cuddalore the 8th: May 1687.

S^{rs}:

Wee have received yours of the 6th: Curr^{t}: and take notice of what you write as to your last Contract wth: your Merchants and as to y^{e}: price of the Europe goods deliver'd them in w^{ch}: wee are well Satisfied; but this is noe answere to w^{t}: wee desired to bee resolved w^{ch}: was to acquaint us whether you had made any other agreement wth: your Merchants, then what formerly for what goods of any other Sorts then already deliver'd them w^{ch}: our Merchants confidently afirme you have (therefore desire to bee Satisfied therein) for w^{ch}: reason Object against receiveing what goods wee have by us (of different Sorts then what deliver'd by your Merchants) at former prices for w^{ch} wee think wee have not the least of reason; and shall never Consent too any thing of an abatement wth: out order w^{ch}: is y^{e}: needfull from. No. 145..

S^{rs}:
Your Affectionate ffriends
John Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
Chris: Wilson.

To M^{r}: John Willcox Cheife &c^{a}: Council in Conimeer. Cuddalore the 13th: May 1687.

S^{rs}:

Wee have Received yours of yesterdays date and tis Strange you could not understand our meaning as to the Europe goods; haveing explained our Selves as plainly as wee could express it; w^{ch}: was only to desire you to resolve us whether you had made any agreement for any Europe goods not yett deliver'd, being Satisfied as to what already deliver'd but Since you doe not understand our meaning (w^{ch}: you cannot err in except you will your Selves) wee Shall not further trouble you therewth: tho wee have not at any time been Soe unkind to Seek any plausable evation; of takeing any thing you have writt yett in a double Sence tho possibly [it] might have admitted of it, as well as you will have what wee have lately [wrote you] and wee Shall now Satisfie you as to the Saile of our Silver the last year w^{ch}: was dispos'd of at pag^{as}: 5: 21 fa: [℔] Seer of 9 ounces w^{ch}: is the needfull from. No. 145.

S^{rs}:
Your Affectionate ffriends
John Davis.
Ralph Ingram.
Chris: Wilson.

To Mr: John Davis Cheife &c^{a}: Councill in Cudalore. Conimeer the 6th: May 1687.

S^{rs}:

No. 146. Yours of the 19th: Aprill have received but why wee have not given a reply Sooner, has been occationed by throw [*sic*] M^{r}: Willcox his late Sickness.

Ours of the 13th: last November gave you the particular Termes and Conditions of our last Contract that of the 13th: January last gave you the prices of the Europe goods to our Merchants; the Shrewsbury & Sloop Concord brought them to us in last ffebruary Since w^{ch}: wee have only deliver'd part of them as yet the two forementioned Gen^{lls}: will give you ample Satisfaccon being the full of o^{r}: Contract to w^{ch}: referr you and is all at present from.

S^{rs}:

Your Affectionate ffriends
John Willcox.
Richard Milton.
Simon Holcombe.

To Mr: John Davis Cheife &c^{a}: Councill in Cudalore. Conimeere the 12th: May 1687.

S^{rs}:

No. 146. Yours of the 10th: have received and in answere thereunto acquaint you; wee have already given you an acco^{t}: of the particulars of our Europe goods wee were to deliver our Merchants to w^{ch}: Referr you; these are further to Satisfie you that when the goods came to our hands, there were Severall Sorts wanting of our Merchants List. Viz^{t}: Corrall Vermilion and Quick Silver in the roome of w^{ch}: wee had permission from the ffort to lett them have Copper and Tinn at the [Market] price w^{ch}: wee have deliver'd them and this being as farr as wee can apprehend the meaning of your letter, wee have given you an acco^{t}: thereof.

Our Merchants are raising Scruples and puts us to Some trouble about the 7th: Chests [*sic*] of Silver wee deliver'd them last year; these are therefore to desire you to give us an acco^{t}: at what rates you put off yours to your Merchants at that time wee desire your answere may bee [as . .] as possible, w^{ch}: is the needfull from

S^{rs}:

Your Affectoinate ffriends
John Willcox.
Rich^{d}: Milton.
Symon Holcombe.

Translate of a lre from his Excellency Passonoorie Venketty Putty to the Hon^{ble}: W^{m}: Gyfford Esq^{r}: President and Govern^{r}: dated y^{e}: 16th: May 1687.

No. 147. I received yo^{r}: hon^{rs}: Letter and heartily Rejoyce the Contents thereof; I have Received Pag^{es}: 2400: for this year and last years Rent money, for w^{ch}: I have Sent yo^{r}: hon^{r}: a Receipt; by Madana Anca Pontuloo; your hon^{r}: wrote in your Letter you had Sent this years rent money a month before twas due; your hon^{r}: may please to Consider this money has lay'd in your hands two years; and what great matter wast to Send it a month before twas due Considering the Divans are in Such great necessity your hon^{r}: Should Send them a years Rent money before hand; I received y^{e}: Manilla Tobacco your hon^{r}: Sent mee, and Returne you many thanks his Ma^{tie}: has occation for Some very good Tobacco and if yo^{r}: hon^{r}: pleases to enquire and procure Some better Tobacco then Manilla & Send it mee (wth: y^{e}: price) I Shall Send you money for it, if your hon^{r}: pleases to Send a fitting person to mee I Shall declare my mind to him, & Some bussiness will goe on well; and then wee Shall understand on[e] another better.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM MADANA ANCA PONTULOO TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR DATED THE 20TH: MAY 1687.

I enjoye good health and Should bee very glad to hear the like from your hon^{r}: Sent your two years Townes Rent mony; and a letter to his Excellency by Bramyny Deavapah, w^{ch}: I forwarded to him; and when hee had received it hee [returned] a receipt w^{ch}: wth: his Letter and Tasheriphs I forward to your hon^{r}:; by your Brameny Deavapah the Tashereiphs were the best could at this Juncture bee procured w^{ch}: his Exc[ellency] desires your hon^{rs}: acceptance of not for the vallue Soe much as for the Senders Sake Deavapah will Informe you further w^{ch}: Is the Same thing as if I were larger In my advices, Soe Shall trouble you wth: noe more at Present; Save to desire your [hon^{r}:] future Commands. No. 148.

TRANSLATE OF A REC^{T}: FROM PASSONOORIE VENKETTY PUTTY FROM [CONJEVERON] FOR CHYNAPATAMS TWO LAST YEARS RENT MONEY DATED THE 16TH: MAY [1687].

I have Reced into the Kings Custody the Rent money of Chynapatam in the Carna[tek] Countrey for last year and [this year] being Pag^{as}: 2400: by the hands of Madana Anca Pontuloo and Brameny [wit] ness my hand and Seal. No. 149.

PASSONOOR VENKETTY.

CUDDALORE Y^{E}: 18TH: MAY 1687.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

This Serves to advice that wee now dispatch towards you y^{e}: [person] that brought the Silver (haveing noe occation to detaine them) haveing wrote you the needfull by M^{r}: Mansfen, who this day proceeds towards you on his Sloop; to w^{ch}: desire you will please to bee Referr'd; w^{ch}: wth: our humble respects wee remaine. No. 150.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: Most Obedient & humble Serv^{ts}:
JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHRIS: WILSON.

SWALLY MARINE Y^{E}: 17TH: APRILL 1687.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD PRESIDENT AND THE R^{TT}: WORP^{LL}: ELIHU YALE DEPUTY PRESIDENT FOR THE R^{TT}: HON^{BLE}: COMP^{AS}: AFFAIRS ON THE COAST CORMANDELL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL &C^{A}:

Our last to your hon^{r}: was under the 18th: passed by a Small Ship called the Cesar; wee have this oppertunity by a Small ffrench Ship that goes for Syam; but in her passage thither calls at Pullicherry; these goe under covert to Mounsieur Martin and by the ffrench wee are promised all due care shall be taken of it; yett o^{r}: faith is not Soe Stronge as wholly to confide in them; and therefore Send not Copie of our [letter] nor Copie of Cap^{ta}: Andrews his Instructions; who Sayled away for Mocha the 8th: Curr^{t}: [&] Modena is near full of ffreight goods; and may Sayle for Persia in atmost [. . . .] more; God Send them both Safe; and good Success; there is various reports raised [. . .] in the Bay; but this wee have reason to beleive that there is noe peace; for [. . .] undoubtedly wee Should hear from o^{r}: friends in the Bay; wee have long looked for Cap^{ta}: Thomas Johnson; and a Small Ship belonging to Bombay from Bengall No. 151.

in hopes to have had some good news by them; but as yett neither of them are arrived w^ch^: [make] us a little admire; as yett the Prudent Mary appears not; God Send they bee safe, [noe] news of the Emrald ffriggott but [most of all] wee admire at the London her Soe long [Stay] on the Mallabar [Coast . . .] will Send her Safe at last; wee think wee may Imbarque in 5 or 6 dayes more at most for Bombay; at Surrat wee shall leave 6 Englishmen M^r^: Harris to act as Cheife; wee have w^th^: us two of your Expresses; that wee designe to Send you from Bombay; when wee may adventure to write more larger: wee heartily wish you well and Rest.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: R^tt^: Worp^ll^: S^r^:
Your very ffriend & Most humble Serv^ts^:

JOHN CHILDE.
C. ZINZAN.
BAR°: HARRIS.
JOHN GLADMAN.
JAMES KING.

CUDDALORE THE 27^TH^: MAY 1687.

TO THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCILL
IN FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Wee have received yours of the 21^st^: Curr^t^: and observe what you are pleased to advice as to the Boa Vista Invoice M^r^: Bowrys bussiness what the Divan our Contract w^th^: the Merchants; the passes; the 1700: Ryalls of 8/8 (Sent us) the dispatch of the Ship Trive[le]cane the wood; your intentions of dispatching Ship Loyall Adventure (as Soon as you can) and to Send home Bookes to that time (therefore would have ours Sent as soon as possible) to all w^ch^: Shall now [reply you].

Reply. Wee Shall Credit you for the amount of Ship Boa[Vista] Invoice (as order'd).

M^r^: Bowrys bussiness is Referr'd by him and the Divan to [us] and wee have obliged M^r^: Bowry to deliver us his Bond for pag^as^: 10000 to Indemn[ify] the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Companys affaires from all demands that Shall bee lawfully made against him w^ch^: beleive will not bee any; hee haveing given Sufficient Testimony [to] clear himself as noted in o^r^: [letter] (to w^ch^: Referr) w^ch^: Shall bee Remitted you therefore think it but Reasonable that Satisfaccon bee required of the Divan[. . .] abuse offer'd us; in the Imprisoning M^r^: Bowry in that barberous man[ner unlawfully] for if this bee passed by, they will upon all occations abuse the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Servants in y^e^: like manner, Soe that wee Shall live in noe Security but in fear of the Divan to the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: prejudice; therefore desire you will please to order (w^ch^: you have not in your last) M^r^: Mansfen haveing acquainted you M^r^: Bowrys Release how wee Shall proceed in any bussiness of the like nature for the future for to waite yo^r^: orders for it then; may endeanger our lives by their barberous usage and to take Satisfaccon; for it afterwards would bee but a poor redress to the Sufferers; for tho M^r^: Bowry was to blame in Strikeing Amad Mercawns Serv^ts^: w^th^: whom the difference was as all others would bee that Should doe the like to any of the Divans people being Obliged to appeale to those that have the authority of writing them and not to doe it themselves w^ch^: Shall by noe means tollerate for prevention of disturbance yett not Soe much considering y^e^: provocation given him as to bee soe rigourously dealt w^th^: by y^e^: Divans people w^ch^: is by noe means to bee allow'd for the reasons affores^d^ but they to bee obliged to appeal to us for Satisfaccon: for any Injuries done by our people and not to wright themselves upon paine of answereing the abuse; wee have been Some thing the larger on this Subject considering how much it Imports us w^ch^: hope you will please to excuse.

For our Investment twas not to bee doubted but the Merch^{ts}: would have comply'd therewth: in time had wee wth: our Obligaçons to them w^{ch}: Since wee have not, cannot bee expected; but that they Shall deliver into y^{e}: amo^{t}: of what money and goods they have and Shall receive in the time agreed w^{ch}: was to deliver them to y^{e}: amount of Pag^{as}: 60,000: in Europe goods upon Signing and Sealing our Contracts and to pay them what money you Should Remitt us upon the arrivall of the Ships w^{ch}: if wth: y^{e}: goods amounted to pag^{as}: 160,000: they to deliver to the amount in goods by September next but what it Should fall Short of that; to bring in Soe much less on acco^{t}: of our Investment or to make a possitive agreement wth: them that wee would deliver to Such an amo^{t}: in money and goods in the limitted time wee could not because of the uncertainty of our Stock for w^{ch}: reason the affores'd exceptaçon [. . .] made w^{ch}; have not comply'd wth: in the delivery of our Goods to them; therefore will require soe much the longer time for compleating it; tho noe dilligence Shall bee wanting in us to gett what wee can in a readiness by giveing all encouragement to the Merchants that the more goods they bring in before the arrivall of the Ships being wee fear little to bee expected after if wee should happen to have a Short Stock w^{ch}: fear they may expect the more money (w^{ch}: if not to bee had) they must Stay for till it can that Soe you may bee the better provided for your designe of dispatching the Loyall Adventure w^{ch}: thought to acquaint you wth: that you might not bee disapointed in your Expectaçons from us but as you Saw occation remedy it else where; as for what you are pleasd to hint about our Merchants comeing to treate wth: you themselves; desire you will please to bee referr'd to yours of the 6th: September 1686.

What Passes Shall have occation for; for our own use Shall desire you will please to favour us therewth: for w^{ch}: Shall pay as accustomary not desireing any mans Labour for nothing but if any of these Countrey people Scruple it cant help that, for the Silver wrote you the needfull in our last that wee Should dispose of it at the best rate wee could & Credit you for y^{e}: amo^{t}: of Ship Trive[le]canes Invoice.

Our Generall Books wth: what other relateing thereto Shall bee Speedily Sent you, the wood must bee Sent by Shipping as formerly adviced being noe Timbers for Rafts to bee had here.

Being Severall things in debate wth: our Merchants w^{ch}: they quote as a President from Conimeer, and haveing wrote thither to bee Satisfied but cannot wee therefore desire you to order that they remitt us Copie of their last Contract that woe may Governe accordingly M^{r}: Davis and M^{r}: Wilson desires you will bee pleas'd to order their Charges of comeing to the ffort to bee allow'd haveing deferr'd to bring it to acco^{t}: till wee have it; being in Obedience to yo^{r}: Commands; haveing noe bussiness of their owne w^{ch}: wth: our humble respects is the needfull from.

Hon^{ble} S^{r}: &c^{a}.
Your Most humble Servants
JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHRI: WILSON.

PETTIPOLLEE THE 5TH: MAY 1687.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL
ATT FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee come now to make reply to your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Generall dated the 18th: past month by y^{e}: Loyall Adventure Cap^{ta}: W^{m}: Goodlad Commandor who arrived here 29th: past of whom have received the pag^{as}: 500: orderd for this ffactory and Shall give acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: ffort S^{t}: George Credit for the Same. No. 153.

Wee are makeing all the possible hast can bee to dispatch the Ship and Shall load on board of her Countrey bales 75: amounting to Pag^{as}: 11868: 25: 4: besides the Charges of boats &c^{a}: Invoice of w^{ch}: & our valluable Remaines Shall bee Sent you by her when dispatch'd and in order to removeing hence; have Sent you overland the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}; horse belonging to this ffactory not haveing any other Conveyance for him; Judgeing it not expedient for his Stay here after our departure.

The Cheife has wrote to Verona againe concerning the 500 pag^{as}: lost in his Countrey but yett received noe answere when doe Shall advice the contents thereof.

Wee have now deliver'd to our Merchants in Europe goods to the amount of Pag^{as}: 5502: 30: wth: y^{e}: 1500: they received at the ffort; & now are Indebted to them Pag^{as}: 6365: 31: 4: If they demand a bill of us for the Same shall give them one to bee paid when the Ships arrive tho at present hear nothing thereof This wth: our obedient Services is what offers at present from.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}. &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: Most Obedi^{t}: humble Servants

JOHN LITTLETON.
WILLIAM SHALES.

No. 154 A JOURNALL OF MY VOYAGE COMMISSIONATED BY THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL TO TAKE AND BRING INTO THE ROADE OF MADRASS. THE SHIP GEORGE W^{M}: BROOKS MASTER BOUND FOR ACHEEN.

May the 10TH Being Tuesday 7 a clock Evening wee haveing received two files of Soldiers from on Shore wee Sett Sayle leaveing an Anchor & a Cable in the Roade; not being willing to hinder o^{r}: time by weighing it; the wind at SSW a ffresh gale wee Steered SE [BE] the wind blew soe ffresh that wee could not carry more Sayle then our two Courses most part of the night running after y^{e} rate of 5 or 6 Miles an hour.

11TH: Wednesday the wind at SW B S a ffresh gale I Shaped the course ESS untill noon the East untill 4 a clock, at w^{ch}: time I Judged that wee were 45 Leagues distant from Madrass by observacon: at noon wee were in Latt^{d}: 12de: 54 min: North from 4 afternoon untill dark night wee Steered north & after consulting wth: my officers I concluded that it was our best way to Steer againe for the land; wee trimmed the Sayls close upon a wind & Lay W & W N W.

12TH: Thirsday the wind has been at S BW & SW BS ffresh at noone; by Observacon I was in Latt^{d}: 13de: 34: North and from last night 7 a clock untill this noon I conclude that wee have to the westward 60 Miles.

13TH: ffryday Since yesterday noon untill now noon wee have run about 30 Leagues [W] noe observacon; Moderate weather all night this morning Sounded and had 25 fathome Sandy ground.

14TH: Saterday this morning about 7 a clock wee Saw Pulliacatt, and in the road could dicerne 6 Sayle of Ships all the night the wind has blown SBW & SSE an Easey Gale by our acco^{ts}: wee have run 15 or 20 Leagues inwards more then wee ran outwards from the Land that I conclude wee have been 60 Leagues right off into the Sea, we have made Severall boards of from the Land and In againe and have gott about 6 Leagues up along the Shore.

15TH: Sunday this noone wee had Sight of the Ships in Madrass Road wee have had y^{e}: winds at SS E^{t}: & S^{o}: good weather but have gott but little up along the Shore.

16TH: Munday the wind at SSE a Small ffresh gale wee lay up SW & SW BW in for the Shore; about 4 a clock in the afternoon wee came to an anchor in 9 fathom water about 3 miles to the nor[thward] of the Ships in Madrass road and Immediatly from thence I took my Pinnace and came on shoar at Madrass about 7 a clock at night; Soe went to the Govern^{r}: and gave his Hon^{r}: an acco^{t}: of our Voyage.

17TH: Tuesday in the morning my mate brought my Ship into Madrass Road.

FORT S^{t}: GEORGE Ψ ^{mo} June 1687.

Per Mee
ANTHONY WELTDEN.

MECHLEPATAM THE 22ᴰ : MAY 1687.

To THE HONᴮᴸᴱ : Wᴹ : GYFFORD Esqᴿ :
PRESIDENT & GOVERNᴿ : &cᴬ : COUNCILL.
Honᵇˡᵉ : Sʳ : &cᵃ :

Our last to you was of yᵉ : 4ᵗʰ : past month Since wᶜʰ : have Received yours of the 18ᵗʰ : ditto ψ Ship Loyall Adventure wᶜʰ : Should have had Speedy answer but Robert ffreemans indisposition by voyolent feavour has been the Impediment, now (praised b[e] God) the extreamity of yᵉ : heatsbeing somewhat abated tho : noe raine fallen hee is in hopefull way of recovery wee Shall therefor now Reply to the needfull in our aforementioned letter. No. 155

The disapointment wee have mett wᵗʰ : this year putting of Europe Goods and provideing other must bee bore wᵗʰ : patience, Since the occation proceeds from Divine hand; warr and famine both wᶜʰ : continue Sorely.

Wee did not Rightly understand your meaning before as to our Remaines wᶜʰ from the Ballance of our bookes last year to the goeing way of the Shipping were very little different; wee Shall now bring them to a true valuaĉon in this years bookes wᶜʰ : hope will bee Satisfactory.

The Copie of your last advices from Bengall wee have perused and Shall Keep Soe Secret as enjoyn'd Some Eminent people of this place has been discourseing wᵗʰ : us about our difference in Bengall and our reply thereto has been answerable to your directions wᶜʰ : they Say will Signifie little wᵗʰ : Oranzebb; there being abundance of people come from the Bay (wᶜʰ : have Suffered much) wᵗʰ : complaints representing us very ill and hee is as they Say to great a Prince to turne back from any place hee comes against but must either conquer or dye soe that in time this Countrey must bee his and then tis likely to goe bad wᵗʰ : us if the difference bee not before composed, wᶜʰ : they Say might possibly bee if a Seasonable adress were made by Some of the great persons about him as Merza Ebrahim [who has] always been a ffriend to the English, and this being theire bare opinion wee can think noe more thereof then to represent it to your Honʳˢ : &cᵃ : better Consideraĉon.

Wee have not heard any thing from Mounsieur Guety Since oʳ : last to you; the wayes are Soe Stop'd that noe peons can pass nor cannot tell what[to] think of him tho have faith enough to beleive hee means not to Cheat us of all because hee has made a Tryall to have yᵉ : money paid us from this Governʳ : and hee will pay it there but that will not bee employed wᵗʰ : this Governʳ : holding all fast to himself till hee Sees wᶜʰ : way the Scale will turne what Guety writes us formerly that hee had put the Silver into the Dutch ffactory is probable enough if hee bee in friendship wᵗʰ : the Cheife & wee are Informed from some here that hee has put in Severall things there but none knows their Contents.

The Major part of the goods wee are like to have this year is ready Imbaled; Some few Still at the washers wᶜʰ : Shall bee noe hindrance to the Ships dispatch; rather Chooseing to leave them behind; Mʳ : Hawkes is arrived here wᵗʰ : yᵉ : Ship, who wee finde has well paid himself out of the Cloth; but where hee gott that Justice the owner doubts not of the Same; wee hear nothing more from the Lady Van Boger therefore Suppose here former message but the product of a womans witt falce.

The ffamine in these parts abate not the want of all Sorts of Provisions being more then ever the Cattle being almost all dead; wᶜʰ : is what wee had before ta keep life tho leane and Since you have not Supply'd us wᵗʰ : fowles wee must bee content tho our occations greater then ever; Most of us being but in a week condition and the danger of a long passage upon the Sea, tho Capᵗᵃ : declares wee must expect nothing from him; and here one henn is not procurable for 10 pogᵃˢ nor nothing elce scarce eatable; Soe that Rice and Stinking butter is like to bee our only dyett wᶜʰ : may the better enable us to undergoe what is likely to ensue.

Here is not any Lascars procurable; nor could wee or the Dutch have had boatmen for Service had wee not allow'd them dayly rice to doe nothing; but attend till occation of Service Should present.

Since writeing the aforegoeing is come to hand a Letter from Mounsieur Guety of date the 4th: Curr^{t}: by Dutch conveyance hee acquaints of Some trouble hee has mett wth: from Oranzeb who has Kept him in his Camp Some time & forc'd him to deliver up a pawne to Destreman from Sidmer Zaffers Sonn to the amo^{t}: of Pag^{as}: 2300 lent; but as yett done him noe other prejudice; demands money of the Dutch and all other Merchants of the place, none yett is paid nor they know not how shall come off; Oranzeb is very jealous the Chr[. . .] give advices to his prejudice therefore Guety begg us for God Sake not if any oppertunity Should offer here for payment of any money from the Divans to accept thereof and draw upon him for tis of too dangerous Consequence and may bee the loss of ours & his owne Estate besides his life in danger hee will not venture to acquaint us any news for fear of Interception w^{ch}: is Common only a word or two that the King of Gulcondah defends himself Stoutly; and that noe conquest can bee made upon him till after the Raines; if then God only knows; Severall treacherous Stratagems has been against him to make way for letting in the Army of the Mogull into the ffort; but timely discovered and Soe prevented; here is diversity of news dayly of horse and foot comeing downe into these parts but it vanishes againe proceeding hither to more from fear then reality the Loyall Cap^{ta}: you mention to bee Sent is not yett arrived wth: us but yesterday morning early came in the Loyall Adventure from Pettipollee; the Cap^{ta}: Much indisposed to health wee are sending off our goods and Shall give him Soe quick a dispatch for Madapollam as is possible ordering him to touch here againe at his Returne w^{ch}: is nothing out of his way & take in our Small Remaines & Selves if noe danger happens to drive us away before; and if it doth wee think to take boat & follow him.

The Persian Merchants missing of a passage last year now Sue to us for a Ship to bee ready in the month of September and they will engage to load a Thousand Bales besides what more may present between this & then wee give them good encouragement that they Shall bee Supply'd but dare not Enter into Contract till order from you w^{ch}: may bee timely Enough if your Tappas make hast y^{e}: nearest p^{r}: of w^{ch}: from this place has been wth: us for Batty; w^{ch}: wee have given for one month as they Say 2½ pag^{as}.

This day arrived a Sloop belonging to M^{r}. Brown John Knowlman Commander; who acquaints us the Pink Jasper lay'd trim on board in Ramlapatam Road ready to founder haveing 5½ foot water in hold; hee releived her by takeing out part of her Cargoe and Supply of men to bale out the water has brought Said good[s] hither and desires us to receive them ashoar hee being bound for Vizagapatam, wee know not to whome they may belong; but have given him leave to house them in this ffactory; therefore desire you will please to give notice to the owners thereof that they may order as think fitt for after wee leave the place fear twill bee difficult to Remove them; wee have not more to add worth yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: notice therefore Conclude.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your Most humble & Obedient Serv^{ts}:

ROBERT FREEMAN.

TIMOTHY HARRIS.

ILUTRE S^{R}: G^{os}: W^{M}: GIFFORD.

No. 156. A estimavel missiva de Vs^{a}: feita de 23 de maio me foi entregue, e co esta hua carta p^{a} os Ingleses, marinh^{ros} q Vs^{a} seacordava de estaré elles aquis Naõ me cabe dar mais resposta sobre isso mais q occorrerme ao terceiro capitulo da carta que tive feito as pobre ditas pessoas ao fazer da carta, sairaõ deste sitio, naõ seij a derrota q levaraõ, se foraõ p^{a} o norte ou sul ou porto novo se por mar ou trr^{a}: naõ tinho noticia pellas ocupacões grandiss^{as}: cõ q me acho no serviço de meus S^{rs}: com q divertij disso sobre o exame dos gastos q Vs^{a}: me pede fica ia pago, e satisfeito por quanto lhes naõ vi cõ meus olhos, nem menos puzeraõ seus na cidade por quanto, assim que tive ordenado ao Cap^{m}: do barco logo as soltou de sy por esta cauza veijo arros q Vimha p^{a} elles, de que me pode Vs^{a} relevar

no poder com verdade dar relacao sobre este particular, e hovendo outra cousa do serviço de Vs^{a} ' me achara m^{to} certo. Estimando a saude e que gose ficando aque pessuo ao serviço de Vs^{a} a que Deus G^{e} em a Fortaleza Dansborg em 30 de maio de 1687 ã.

De Vs^{a}
Muito certo amigo
HENDRICH VAN KALNEIJN.

METCHLEPATAM THE 2^{d}: JUNE 1687.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.
Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to you was of y^{e}: 22^{d}: past moth: answering all yo^{rs}: to that time, Since w^{ch}: have received none, Soe that now only to acquaint you that on Thirsday last being the 26th: May wee order'd the Ship Loyall Adventure to [Sayl] for Madapollam haveing loaden on board her all what goods wee had in readiness for the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: but the winds has ever Since blown Soe Strong that Cap^{ta}: Goodlad fears to venture thither haveing Suffer'd Sufficiently in Pettipollee roade by the loss of ground tackle haveing now in all but two Anchors left, and the roade of Madapollam at this Season is to dangerous to trust a Ship in wth: any considerable Charge noe better provided, the Cap^{ta}: hath Sent us a paper on Shoar, Copie of w^{ch}: comes enclosed and another wee remitt to Madapollam Soe Soon as received it wth: a Generall from us, to Send up their good[s] hither [and] they Should think fitt wth: what Expedition possible, to w^{ch}: as yett have had noe answer Soe wee only waite the comeing of them being ourSelves in readyness to Imbarque Cap^{ta}: Goodlad continue Sick and weak. No: 157.

Your hither most Tapp[ie]s are come againe and acquaint us all the rest are gon off the road to you for want of batty and these to remaine Single will Signifie nothing Soe they are resolved home againe.

Your Pag^{as}: being of new Stamp Some what different from the old wee cannot make to pass in these parts nor posses the people wth a beleife that they are of Madrass tho: as weighty and good will not yeild above $\frac{3}{4}$ p^{a}:

Yesterday wee received a letter from Mounsieur Guety bareing date from the Campe Mogull y^{e}: 9no Curr^{t}: new Stille Copie of w^{ch}: Send enclosed for your perusall, the day before rec'd it, had Sent him a letter by Dutch conveyance to pay 8000 Pag^{as}: into the hands of their Cheife at Gulcondah after advice of w^{ch}: Shall receive it here, w^{ch}: wee think may prove a Safe way to gett the money Severall offers has been to us from the Divans people but none accepted w^{ch}: created a little difference between the Govern^{r}: and us the Dutch accept there of & ingratiate themselves highly, but they can Safer and better doe it haveing a ffactory in that place, wee have noe news from thence more then that the King of Gulcondah defends himself Stoutly; money is much wanted on both Sides, and provissions Scarce, here is a Rumour of peace in dispute for 3 Crure of Rupas but can give noe Credit thereto.

Our Braminy Anco desires us to present to yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: his Sad loss by fire w^{ch}: happened on the 5th: May allmost to the distrucc̃on of the whole Towne; and whilst hee was active, as in duty bound, tho none elce of the natives, in Secureing y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Concernes of this ffactory, his own house and the Major part therein destroy'd w^{ch}: has reduced him to poverty, his ffamily is great, and predecessors for many generac̃ons Served the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: faithfully wth: out taint upon their reputac̃on; therefore humbly Petitions your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to take his poor Condition into Considerac̃on: this ffactory being to bee

desolv'd, from w^ch: hee has Soe long Subsisted, that hee may hearafter finde Some Employ from you for a livelywhood w^ch is all that offers at present worth your notice from.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your Most humble & Obedient Servants
ROBERT FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

P. S. y^e: 3^d:
S^rs.

Since writeing the aforegoing is arrived the Ship Loyall Captaine and yo^r: Generall Letter, brought to us by the Pursers the Import of w^ch: being only to send downe to Bengall what Lascars wee may have had in readiness; requires noe other answere then what given you in our last, the Scarcity of provisions being Such that here is not one procurable, w^ch: wee have adviced Cap^ta: Eldred of, and that hee may proceed forward, agreeable to your orders; the Loyall Adventure shall bee dispatch'd to you, Soe Soon as the Madapollam goods arrive, w^ch: wee expect dayly and Soe remaine.

Id R: F
J: H.

FROM ON BOARD Y^E: LOYALL ADVENTURE
MAY THE 28^th: 1687.

TO THE WORP^LL: ROBERT FREEMAN ESQ^R: &C^A:
COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE HON^BLE: ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMP^Y: ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Worthy Gentlemen,

No. 158. Haveing waited three dayes in this Road for oppertunity of weather to proceed according to y^e: Hon^ble: Presidents &c^a: Councill orders at ffort S^t: George for Madapollam, and findeing noe abatement of the Riger of wind and Sea, alsoe haveing Sustained much damage by the badness of Pettipollee Bay, looseing there two Anchors and the most part of a Cable, and Since our arrivall in this Road, our Small Bower and whole Cable likewise considering the length of our time from England, w^ch: renders our ground Tackle, not Soe Serviceable as requisett for Secureing y^e: R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^as: effects that are on board in Soe hazardous a Road as that of Madapollam is Say'd to bee this Monsoone I make it my Request you would bee pleas'd to dispatch advice of the illstate my Ship is in to M^r: Wales &c^a: Councill at Madapollam, that hee and they would please to Send (if possible) the R^tt: Hon^ble: Comp^as: Concernes hither, w^ch: Shall ever bee Esteemed a great favour to.

Your humble Servant
WILLIAM GOODLAD.

Vera Copia ℔ffrancis Bett.

S^R M^R. FREIMAN,

No. 159. 20 dias q escrevi a Vm. deste arreal de Oranzeb donde de presenti faço o mesmo, a que escrevi foi por via do Cap^m Olandes desta feitaria q. entãõ estavá cã, donde lhe avisei dos seus particulares bem destintam^te como nas outras ocaziois tambem lhe certifiquei p^a q foçe por avizo a Vm. em como a nenhum dos casos

paçaçe letras de cambio por este Rey, nê por nenhu dos seus ministros pelo grande risco q corrẽ de ser tomados dos vigiadores dos caminhos q oranzebo nãose descuida neste particular, e o grande trabalho que vera sobre me, de presente esta ora tive por noticia, certa em como tomou a algres letras desse Bandel pera cã, e se nesse ocaziaõ veo alguã do Vm. sobre me querendo Vm. anticipar, contra o q tenho avisado naĩ sinto outro remedio senão dar satisfacon, e pagar ao Oranzebo, o q ouver de pagar a este Reiz, e fique Vm. advertido q. nao fique enganado aualdar, e quando Vm. naõ tenha feito bo que cuido serva esta de segondo avizo o q nenhum manr^{a}, me passe letras sobre este Reij nẽ seus ministros, De^{s} G^{e} Vm. do arreal do oranzebo o primer^{o} yunho 1687 @.

De Vm.
MINTO CERTO AMIGO, E SERVIDOR.

S^{re} PRESIDENTE GYFFORD.

Por m^{tas} vezes deij as seguranças a Vs^{a} q: eu contribuiria a entreter aqui a bao com respondencia q estã tão bem estabalecido em a Europa entre Nossas ambas nasçoẽs he nessa consideraçaõ, e p^{a} satisfazer a essa obrigacão q ao respeito da carta q Vs^{a} me fez honrra escreverme dos 7/17 de presente mez, não darei passagẽ p^{a} qualquer lugar q: seja a nenhuã pessoa dos vassalos, e sujeitos do serniss^{o} El Reij de grão Bretanha sobre os barcos da nossa Comp^{a} he verdade q a dama michin paçou de surrate a este pudichery sobre hũ dos nossos barcos por nome S. Luiz, e q essa dita Dama esperava paçar nelle p^{a} Sião co trez outros Inglezes q desembarcarão aqui de hu barco q foi a Bengalla, os quaes me pedirão a mesma passagẽ o que eu lhes ouvera concedido de bôa vontade e se Vs^{a} naõ me tivece apontado as rasoẽs q avia p^{a} impedir q os da sua nasçaõ naõ se recolhecẽ nesse Reino ou outros logares, nẽ elles, nẽ outros q no futuro se poderiaõ apresentarẽ naõ seraõ recebidos a passarẽ sobre as nossas naos nas terras estranhas essa asseguranca dou a Vs^{a} rendendolhe humlides graças dos seus oferecim^{os} de servicos, e seremos sempre dispostos nessas partes em tudo o q Vs^{a} sera servido ocuparnos cuja nobre pessoa G^{e} D^{es} Pudichery 21 de junho de 1687. No. 160.

De Vs^{a}
MUITO CERTO ARRIGO E SERVIDOR
F. H. MARTIN.

S^{NR} PRESIDENTE GYFFORD.

Ont^{e} repostei a carta q Vs^{a} fesme a honra de escrever dos 7/17 do corrente, e declarej a S^{ra} Michin, e a algũs outros Inglezes q cã estavão q eu lhes nao daria passagẽ p^{a} siaõ, né p^{a} outro nenhum logare essa S^{ra} estâ em desesparaçaõ por ser obrigada de ficar em Pudicherry tomou a resolução de hir em Madras fiz o q pudi p^{a} á dessuadir disso, pore pareceo lhe q poderia alcançar delle licença de passar a sião eu lhe prometi q isso sendo, eg, ella possa portar acquiz, antes de partir o barco q devemos despachar p^{a} esse lugar q de muij bôa vontade eu faria tudo o q Vs^{a} seria servido continuo a fazerlhe offerici m^{tos} de todos meus servicos desejandolhe prosperid^{es} a medida de seus merecim^{tos} cuja pessoa G^{e} D^{s} Pudichery 22 de junho de 1687. No. 161.

De Vs^{a}
M^{to} AMOIGO, E CERTO SERVIDAR.
MARTIN.

May it please your Honour.

By a letter to the Directore hear understand your Hon^{r}: desired him not to permitt any English to goe to Syam by their Ships the w^{ch}: forces mee to give your hon^{r}: this trouble; humbly begging you would consider my unfortunate Condition: my husband is at Syam and has Sent for mee thither in compliance of w^{ch}: I have been at a great Charge to come thus farr wth: designe to proceed to him by the ffrench Ship but the Directore (in Observance to yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Request) is unwilling No. 162.

to grant a Passage w^th^ out yo^r^: leave; as to warrs a woman cannot be Supposed to doe good or hurt; as to Syam I am altogeather a Stranger; nothing induceing mee that way, but my husbands Comp^a^: of w^ch^: humbly begg your hon^r^: would not hinder mee, if orders bee gone thither to call all English away I am Sure my husband will not bee the last in obedience Either to goe for Europe or come for Madrass as Shall bee directed, hee haveing Served the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ twenty four yeares w^th^: out being taxed w^th^ anything that was ill all w^ch^: considered hope your hon^r^: will not [hind^r^] mee and my ffamily from goeing thither to ffollow our Sheppard, either home or otherwise the w^ch^: will for ever Oblige us to pray for your hon^r^: & remaine.

Your hon^rs^: Most Obedient Servant
THOMASIN MINCHIN.

TO THE HON^BLE^: W^M^ GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R^: OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE &C^A^: COUNCILL

PETTIPOLLEE THE 24^TH^: MAY 1687.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

No. 163. Wee paid our due respects to your hon^r^: &c^a^: Generall Cap^ta^: Goodlad. The 10^th^: Instant and then acquainted you of his arrivall & y^e^: receipt of the 500 Pag^as^: by him and our endeavours of giveing him a quick dispatch wee then likewise Sent your hon^r^: &c^a^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: horse belonging to this ffactory w^ch^: hope ere this is come Safe to yo^r^: reception.

This comes along w^th^: y^e^: Cheife W^m^: Proby and George Wingfield takeing their passage on a Countrey vessell w^ch^: is here bound for the ffort William Shales designing one the Loyall adventure, enclosed is the Invoice of Goods and valluable remaines of this ffactory amounting to Pag^as^: 14229: 23: 1: for w^ch^: pray Creditt us all that is menc̃oned therein Should have been loaden upon the Loyall Adventure Cap^ta^: W^m^: Goodlad Commander had hee not Sailed hence w^th^: out his dispatch or Signing bills of loading for the Same; w^ch^: presume is a great breach and an affront to your orders; as likewise a disrespect to the Councill here his goeing thus has occationed us to load what hee left behind him Viz^t^: 2 Bales of Chay Goods the Plate & Bookes of this ffactory on a Country Vessell here in the Road bound for Madrass; for w^ch^: enclosed you have a receipt as likewise all Cap^ta^: Goodlads receipts for the Goods menc̃oned in y^e^: Invoice [Except] what above Specified to bee left out thereof; herew^th^: alsoe comes the Ballance of books acco^t^: Curr^t^: ffort S^t^: George & acco^t^: Stock the Bookes will come by William Shales.

The p^a^: 500 not being Sufficient to clear us of all demands here wee have been forc'd to borrow of the Merchants p^a^: 200: for w^ch^: have given them a Bill w^th^: w^ch^: Shall pay what may bee due that the Countrey people may not Raise Strange reports of the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: for leaveing their ffactory & being indebted to them w^ch^: hope will bee approved of Judgeing it for the best; this being what have to Offer at Present w^th^: our most Obedient Services wee respectfully conclude.

Hono^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Yo^r^: Most Obedient humble Servants
JOHN LITTLETON.
WILLIAM SHALES.

TO THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^T^: &C^A^: COUNCILL IN FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

PORTO NOVO Y^E^: 20^TH^: JUNE 1687.

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

No. 164. Wee have received yours of y^e^: 11^th^: Curr^t^: & observe what you are pleased to advice as to y^e^: abuse offered to us in M^r^: Boweryes bussiness and Shall according to order write to the Cheife Subidar about it; tho: have very little

incouragement haveing at noe time that ever wee appealed to him [received] any Satisfaccon, but a flap w^th^ a ffox tale that they would see us wrighted; but never did tho possibly if you Should write him hee might; for Silently to Suffer Such abuses; is only to encourage them to further w^ch^ wee fear will bee y^e^ Consiquence & Since they are a people not to bee Obliged by Civillity, another Course must bee taken w^th^ them w^ch^: wee Shall leave to you to doe at your pleasure.

Wee Observe what you are pleased to write that you are not to expect or Receive more on acco^t^ of our Contract then what you have advanced in money & goods w^ch^ indeed has been but very inconsiderable in money or nothing at all; being Still considerably Indebted to them on the last Investment on w^ch^ or this Investment you may reaken what paid them, it matters not, being the Same thing in effect, therefor desire to know where the pretended offer of advance is; to w^ch^ wee answere that what wee have recēd from you is the greatest part in goods, w^ch^: Lyes Still undisposed off for the most part; and wee have received, and have ready at Cuddalore to a much greater amount in goods then what deliver'd them, and there the advance will appear; and you may bee assured wee will gett to as great amo^t^: for you in goods as wee can but Impossibillities are not to bee expected from us, to oblige the Merchants to performe the Contract on their parts; when wee have not done it on our owne and as for our commonly misunderstanding things and mistakeing time & Circumstances if they Serve not; but are contrary to our owne arguments, wee doe assure you that wee were never guilty off but have been as Cautious in observeing your orders as any men liveing, as will appear by our advices being very Sencible of the ill consiquences of the breach of order; therefore very unkind to Stile our Correspondence impertinent, desireing you to beleive that wee are not wholly void of Sence and reason that might render it soe, but if it bee your pleasure to put soe unpleasing an aspect upon the best of our endeavours for our Masters Interest wee must then w^th^: all Patience Submitt.

Wee Shall have as great a care as wee can that wee deliver none of your passes (when you Shall please to remitt us) to any that you declare to bee our Enimies, tho being only for the benefitt of our friends.

Wee desire you will please to order our ffriends at Conimeer to remitt us Copie of their last Contract w^ch^: wee have often desired to noe purpose w^ch^: gives us reason to beleive their is Something more then ordinary; w^ch^: wee must bee Satisfied in before wee can come to any acco^t^: w^ch^: our Merchants for the Europe goods they refuseing to come any other then agreed upon their.

Its true the bussiness depending between M^r^: Davis &c^a^: and M^r^: Cawly is not yett desided, w^ch^: wee earnestly Entreate may as Soon as Stands w^th^: y^r^: Conveniency that Soe our R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Masters may bee Satisfied of the truth of the matter, and wee not undeservedly lye under these Sensures; and M^r^: Davis bee impeeded in his proceeding home; w^ch^: hee resolves by Gods permission as Soon as hee can possibly Settle his affaires w^ch^: hee hopes will bee by January next at farthest.

As for M^r^: Cawleys excuseing himself that hee was Sick when hee Received the Gold and Silver thread from M^r^: Ord: and therefore could not weigh it off; there was noe necessity for it the weight being expresed in Invoice therefore it had been Sufficient had hee but counted over the Roules; to have Seen whither they had in N^o^: agreed w^ch^: hee was well enough to have done, therefore must needs impute the want thereof to his negligence; and it is a wonder their had not been much more lost; the Chest in w^ch^: it was alwayes Standing open in his Chamber and hee Sometimes w^th^: in & Sometimes w^th^: out, therefore cannot bee imputed to any fault of the Conicopiles; it being always in his possession but hee is never w^th^: out an Excuse for his failings, tho: but a lame one; and you may please to order it to bee charged to what acco^t^: you please: beleiveing you may by this time bee pretty well experienced of what Principles M^r^: Cawley is.

Wee shall observe your orders in the Supplying ourSelves w^th^: what necessary out of the Ships and not forestall your Markett; w^ch^: wee never did, what

wee bought the last year more then our occations required was out of a Danes vessell; who came to our Port on purpose to make his market w^{ch}: wee thought would have given noe occation of offence every man being ffree to buy for his money; and whatever you Shall think fitt to propose to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for y^{e}: ordering their Ships directly for Madrass; wee Shall bee very well Satisfied wth: what they Shall please to order therein w^{ch}: wth: our humble respects is the needfull at present from.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most Humble Servants
JOHN DAVIS.
RALPH INGRAM.
CHRIS. WILSON.

P: S.

Wee desire you to Send us 200 piggs of lead for the Porto Novo Merchants if you have any w^{ch}: you may if you please Send down upon M^{r}: Davis Ship w^{ch}: is now wth: you.

I d. J. D.
R. I.
C. W.

METCHLEPATAM Y^{E}: 15TH: JUNE 1687.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}: WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

No. 165. Our last to you was of y^{e}: 2^{d}: Curr^{t}: & yesterday came to hand yo^{rs}: of the 9th: ditto by Cap^{ta}: Dobson wth: y^{e}: Provisions according to list w^{ch}: wee have recd ashoare & returne you our humble thanks for your care of us in Such a Supply w^{ch}: shall be as much for the use of all o^{r}: neighbours as Selves.

Wee Observe what you write as to our bussiness in Bengall and acquainting the Mogull therewth: but the person you have applyed your Selves to, Meirza Ebrahim is Certainly dead soe fear the Success therein may not answere Expectacon: the ffrench news wee know not, What to think of, but as yett wee hear nothing in these parts relateing thereto nor Shall utter a word thereof ourSelves.

Wee dayly Expect answere from Guety to our last about 16 dayes past; wherein ordered him to pay in the money to the Dutch Cheife upon advice of w^{ch}: wee Shall receive it here & wee have no reason to doubt his complyance.

Wee fear tis too late now to obtaine the Persia ffreight the Dutch haveing applyed themselves to o^{r}: Govern^{r}: for it who has (as wee are inform'd) given them a promise hee is much incensed against us on acco^{t}: of Paddy at Madapollam and Sayes the Braminy is Endebted on that Score juncan (for Severall people hee has owned) to the amount of 1000 Pag^{d}: and upwards w^{ch}: hee is resolved the Divan shall not loose it; and unless wee will cause the Braminy to pay it (whither due or not) hee will neither bee our friend nor give us any assistance wee have acquainted our ffriends at Madapollam wth: the Same to w^{ch}: have noe answere nor Shall wee give the bussiness over Soe; but make another Tryall upon him if can by faire promises alter his Stubborne temper as to the Persia ffreight and accordingly advice you.

What Bales are comeing from Madapollam and what wee have Embarked ourSelves; is as ℔ enclosed acco^{t}: what more has been laden at Pettipollee know not but Suppose M^{r}: Littleton &c^{a}: have adviced you.

The Madapollam Goods puts us to great deal of trouble and is the occation of our Soe long Stay the meeting wth: Severall deroys as they come through the Rivers, w^{ch}: wee have hitherto clear'd; but now a worse Impediment falls in the way, a heap of Sand; where was expected water; Soe that all things fall out soe

cross wee Know not when Shall bee able to dispatch the Ship to you wee are takeing y^e^ best Course wee can finde out the Success of w^ch^: you Shall bee timely acquainted w^th^: Cap^ta^: Goodlad Still continues very weak and Impatient to bee gone.

The Loyall Cap^ta^: Sailed not hence till y^e^: 14^th^: Curr^t^: being in great want of water and the winds blowing soe violently hard till then; wee could not gett a Countrey boate off to him wee have Sent by him Twenty Lascars for the use of the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: being all that were procurable in this place and as wee understand is to receive fourteen more at Madapollam and thats all.

Wee Shall as you order keep open o^r^: Generall books till bring them up to you our latest news from Gulcondah is about 20 dayes date w^ch^: is that the Moguls party Springing of a mine w^ch^: they were not very Skillfull in makeing; broake out backward upon themselves to the distruction of many a Second attempt they made in the like nature and as unsuccessfull for it Sprung Short of the place designed and only Shook the wall w^ch^: the Mogulls party Seeing in hopes there would have been a breach ran on violently but was repulsed from 7 Points w^th^: great Gunns loaden w^th^: Partridge Shott; Bougs and fire Potts to y^e^: loss (as report goes) of many thousands not w^th^: Standing all this the old Gentleman will not bee daunted; but continues the Seige; tho as reports goe now tis impossible hee can doe any more upon it; till 4 or 5 months more that the Raines are over, this is all the news & what wee have at present worth notice from

Hon^ble^: S^r^: & c^a^:

P: S.

Yo^r^; Most humble & Obedient Serv^ts^:

ROBERT FREEMAN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The 10^th^: Curr^t^: wee dispatched the two horses of the R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: w^ch^: belong'd to this ffactory not being able to maintaine them in life longer for want of Grass and provender; the one is a white the other a browne.

The bearer here of is a Merchant of this towne; by name Hodjee Almas who has a Ship now on her way for your Port w^ch^: hee hopes your hon^r^: will please to Protect.

SADRASTAPATAM THE 29^th^: JUNE 1687.

To THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM GYFFORD PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE &C^A^: COUNCILL.

May it Please your Hon^r^: &c^a^:

This accompanys y^r^ enclosed Adress to your hon^r^: &c^a^: Councill hopeing yo^r^: wonted Generosity & Goodness will pardon this presumption Since the only intent thereof is in most humble manner to present mySelf to y^e^: R^tt^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Service in the capacity their hon^rs^: have been pleased to appoint mee as p^r^; advice from my ffriends in England; and by a lre: from their hon^rs^ to ffort S^t^: George Remitted by the Chandois wherein their hon^rs^: were pleased in a Paragraph to ordaine mee a ffactor on the usuall Bonds given in by S^r^: Rich^d^: Dutton w^ch^: Station I have in y^e^: enclosed adress humbly Supplicated your hon^r^: &c^a^: Councill you would please to admitt mee haveing passed Soe many years of my youth in their Service; wholy depending on & Referring mySelf to yo^r^: hon^rs^: &c^a^: Clemency and although I have been Soe unfortunate to incurr yo^r^: displeasure; yett I hope by a future assiduous endeavour to bee readmitted to No. 166.

yo^{r}: good Esteem, and hope my [being] Serviceable may bee acceptable but if it Seemes to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: I am unworthy of an Employ in the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Service to w^{ch}: I freely offer myself I have humbly entreated yo^{r}: hon^{r}: to give mee a discharge (as is usuall) from the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Service: and y^{e}: Liberty to Returne home on y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: acco^{t}: my capacity not being able otherwise to accomplish my Passage.

And Since I am soe unhappy as not to bee admitted y^{e} least of their Servants I shall endeavour noe other Employ not wth: Standing I want noe Invitacon but am very willing to Returne home to my native Countrey and as I am borne & bred an Englishman Shall never act any thing Contrary to y^{e}: Interest of that nation; but as I have soe many years eaten the Comp^{as}: bread and Salt I am Still willing to retribute to them the best of my Service and capacity or to returne to their hon^{rs}: to give them thanks for the Honour and good will they have been pleased to vouchsafe mee whose Prosperity I unfeignedly wish and am Still endeavouring both the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Companys and

Your hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: Councill
Most ffaithfull Obed^{t}: &
humble Serv^{t}:
EDWARD DUTTON.

YORK FORT 6TH: JUNE 1687.

TO THE HON^{BLE} W^{M}: GYFFORD ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: FFOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^{TT}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

No. 167. The last to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: was the 30th: December '86 w^{ch}: hope long ere now you have reced by the Royall James Since w^{ch}: it hath pleased God to take away M^{r}: Robert Bellamy: Soe that I am now againe alone, and therefore I took the oppertunity of this conveyance to acquaint yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c: therewth: that soe Some help & assistance may bee Sent forthwth: wth: out w^{ch}: y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires cannot bee soe orderly and Regularly carryed on; as they ought & perhaps their Hon^{rs}: may Expect, and may bee in a much worse condition; if it shall please the Almighty to bereave my [*sic*] of life, and the absolute necessity of my presence every where, may bee a means to hasten my end; for the Parching heat agree not wth: European constitution; and to forbear it in respect of health; is to lett the Comp^{as}: Concernes Suffer wherefore I am necessitated to bee more in it then I am desirous; but my Condition is Such that I cannot bee a moment at rest & if I had Reguarded my health the Ship Rainbow Cap^{ta}: Benjamin Pool Commander who arrived y^{e}: 13th: March past from Tonqueen had not been dispatch'd on the 29th: d^{o}: wth: 495 Bahars pepper amount as ℔ Invoice to Royalls 6069: 1^{soo}: 1^{sat}: for wth: desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to give this ffactory Creditt altho shee might have been much sooner dispatch'd but finding them slow I sent a letter to the Cap^{ta}: Copy whereof wth: their answere I herewth: Send to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}:

The Generall to the Comp^{a}: you will find in the Coppy book of Letters w^{ch} I now Send to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: and alsoe Diary & Consultacon book from the time of M^{r}: [. . .] leaving this place till [now also your] Coppy book of Letters reced [wth: y^{e}: Generall] for the year 1685. Letter A wherein your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will find the charge of this ffactory till Aprill 1686 and that I have debted you for all Goods & Treasure taken out of this ffactory by the Worp^{ll}: Ralph Ord &c^{a}: Councill; & have give[n] you Creditt for what reced thence w^{ch}: is nothing but one Chest treasure N^{o}: H q^{t}: 2000 Ryalls w^{ch}: came ℔ Pink John & Mary In December '85 but noe Invoice being yett Sent of that Said Pinkes Cargo cannot give them Creditt for the callicoes bale goods Salt &c^{a}: Sent then altho I have Severall times write for one; Soe that I cannot debt you for the Salt returned ℔ s^{d}: Pink not knowing the Price nor quantity the Cargos of Sloop Rochester and Ship Chandois; I have given you Creditt for and have debted Indeapore ffactory for what was reced ashoar there according to your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: order In

the Coppy booke of Letters received you will finde a Coppy of the Generall from Indeapore w^{ch}: I reced the 11th: Curr^{t}: being 5 months in comeing wherein yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will find the ill posture the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires were in; at that time occasioned by y^{e}: Dutch; & I am affraid that they are yett in trouble or otherwise they would undoubtedly have returned mee the long boate I sent them by the Royall James Supposeing it might bee usefull to them; and then alsoe acquainted them the occasion & want of her here haveing quite disfurnish'd this ffactory of Either Sloop or boate; & that if there was noe absolute necessity for to returned her; but I am afraid that they can Spare noe men to bring her back; haveing want of men there.

I thank God all things are in a very good condition here; the great discouragement is the great mortality of our men; for of the 51 that came ahsoare from aboard the Berkly Castle, not above 10 are alive Soe that wee have not of Sentinalls whites & blacks above 25 able to doe duty.

The Dutch haveing fail'd of their promise in returning the People dayly bring downe pepper Soe that I have now in y^{e}: goodown about 700 Baharrs.

On the 2 instant arrived here one Jcanapatwan a great man who is held in much respect and reverance amongst these people; in soe much that upon his Sending to acquaint the people of his Intent in comeing here they forthwth: prepared a house for his reception; and on the day of his entery all [the countrey] went out to Conduct him in; being brought under a Canopy borne by the Kings [and] Principall men here; Soe that the Government is now quite altered and they before bore the sway are noe [better] then Cawleys, for both [rich . . .] and all work at his pleasure wth: out hire, Soe that now I hope this [place and . . .] bee brought to Some Consideracõn & trade thro: his means or I now haveing [made . . .] friend; hee hath assured mee that I shall not bee deny'd any thing; I reasonably desire; for hee tells mee, that his Journey was onley & purely to Serve the English for that he had recõed many affronts & abuses from the Dutch; and was resolved to come & dwell wth: the English hopeing that hee might doe them Some notable Service to the prejudice of the Dutch in revenge & recompence for the Injuries they have done him [but] as your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: may please to take notice in the Diary & Consultacõn: booke to w^{ch}: humbly desire you will please to bee referr'd hee insisting upon the Customes of Bantam; but haveing fully Satisfied him as to that point, hee Seemed very well pleased and Said; it was not [. . .] pure love drew him hither; yett hee Said, that being hee did designe to [dwell] here & [to be] Serviceable to the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}:; that the 1 dollar ℔ bahar as at first agreed to give the Kings Should bee paid to him to defray his Expence w^{ch}: are great haveing many attendants &c^{a}: to maintaine wherefore I told him that if hee would doe Services worthy thereof; that [I would] adventure to give it him w^{ch}: I hope yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will approve off; for it will assuredly bee well bestowed on him; and wth: out Such a man this place will never bee brought to my [notice] for hee haveing all the People at his Command can bee Serviceable; but the other [. . .] expect the mony & doe nothing for it; yett if I had detain'd it from them they [. . .] in the Countrey as to Stopp the Pepper from comeing downe; and that is all the [. . .] could have downe us [*sic*]; but this man can (if disgusted) not only doe that but a fa [. . .] mischeife; and the Short time hee hath been here have done that w^{ch}; I scarce could [have] beleived and therefore I think it absolute necessary to make him my first friend [. . .] Laden Pettys w^{ch}: goe Curr^{t}: and w^{ch}: is a good ps of Service for nothing less then an Eight of [a] dollar could bee bought and I am assured that none but himself could have made these obstinate people to take them; yett I told him that for the present hee might make [. . .] that Soe the people might bee easilier introduced to take whatsoever Coine the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: hereafter Should think fitt to make; hee Said his intent was not to offend mee in the [. . .] but hee Know that those people would not at present take any other; for what hee [now . . .] was only for the good and Convenience of all people; and to noe other End then that [they] Should the Easilier take Such Coine as the Comp^{a}: hereafter Should I make

[humbly] desire that your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to Send him as a Present a Kettesoll of [Scarlet] and alsoe if you Shall think fitt one for the use of the ffactory) and a diamond [a]bout [300] pag^{as}: price; the w^{ch}: I can Either give or keep as I hear after Shall see [. . .] here wth: comes [a letter for] your Hon^{r}: from him in a gold [casket] w^{ch}: I have given to M^{r}: English the Substance thereof is only to [acquaint your] hon^{r}: &c^{a}: whereas hee being come from Minangeabow; for to make a firme & everlast[ing] alliance wth: the R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: hee hath now effected it wth: mee on their behalf & [therefore] Sends your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: this Letter that you alsoe may acquaint y^{e}: R^{tt}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: therewth: and that if in case they doe really resolve to Settle here; that they will Send 4 or 5 Ships to Guard the place; because that many ill people meaning the Dutch will not cease to trouble us and that now being hee is come hee Shall not bee a little ashamed if affaires goe not better then formerly, and therefore it is that hee desires the abovesaid Ships; and these that have Injured us here hee will inflict punishments according to their demeritts and that the whole Countrey hee gives to the Comp^{a}: & that hee now only gives your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to Know of his being here wth: mee and if you like thereof and desires his ffriendship hee will God willing upon returne of your hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: answere Send over an Embassador the bearer here of M^{r}: English came out Cheife mate to M^{r}: Lucas Master of the Ship Rose w^{ch} [. . .] out in Cap^{ta}: Udalls Service at 75£ ℔ month but Cap^{ta}: Udall dying M^{r}: Cull who is [now] Cap^{ta}: of the Herbert would not pay the men their wages out of earnings of the Ship there being acco^{ts}: depending between Cap^{ta}: Udall and M^{r}: Lucas therefore gave them Ship w^{ch}: is Laden wth: rice and is wth: the Ship to bee sold and y^{e}: overplus deducting them [from] wages; they are obliged to pay to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}:

I desire your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to pardon y^{e}: Error I have Committed for Instead of giveing acco^{t}: Sallary payable in England Creditt by acco^{t}: [Sallary] Generall according to your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: orders; I have Creditt it by every ℔ticular w^{ch}: was done ere I had your orders to the Contrary; and the w^{ch}: I forbore to alter [. . .] to have the books goe by this conveiance. I desire your hon^{r}. &c^{a}: will please to be [referred] to the Coppy book of Letters; wherein you will find the coppy of the Letter Sent to Cap^{ta}: & their answere I begg leave to Subscribe my Self.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: most humble & Obedient
[Servant]
Benj^{a}: [Bloome]

[Char]les Ryley haveing behaved himself very [. . .] being an industrious pains takeing young man [. . .]nee upon his Request to begg your hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: [. .] of him; and to consider him his pay being but very Small [. . .] worse, is that hee is not (wth: out your hon^{r} &c^{a}: favour) in a capacity ever to [rise . . .].

Your most humble & Obedient Servant.
[Benj^{a}: Bloome]

Cuddalore, July y^{e} [. . . 1687].

To the Hon^{ble}: W^{m} Gyfford Esq^{r} President
and Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill In Fort S^{t}: George.
Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

No. 168. Yours of y^{e}: 8th Curr^{t}: wth: the accompaning Letters and [. . .] Cassee Puntuloe wee have reced & take notice of y^{e}: Contents: w^{ch}: cannot but well [. . .] being [grounded] upon Soe much Sence & reason; as [doubtless] to Convince [him . . .] if indued wth: any w^{ch}: Letter wth: Coppie of our owne to Harja Raja herewth: [remitt you] to w^{ch}: Intreate you will please to be referr'd; haveing wrote what wee think [needful] as to the bussiness; and

Intreate you will please to alter y^e^ : dedi [cation] of your [. . .] to Hun Casa Puntulo being under his direction and soe possibly might give [. . .] offence to make our applications to Casa Puntuloe w^ch^ : done desire you [. . .] to forward it to us ; and it Shall w^th^ : our own bee immediately dispatched to [Harja] Raja w^ch^ : Should have been done long Since had not Timmoge Puntuloe Subidar [of Porto] Novo promised y^e^ : decision of the matter Should bee by us ; w^ch^ hee has been soe far [. . .] as not to have y^e^ : least regard too, but now demands of us to lend him Pag^as^ : [two . . .] and give him private Present and will not till wee conceed thereto ꝑmitt y^e^ : [. . .] nor Shipping our goods at Porto Novo where y^e^ : Pearle & Madrass ffrigott [. . .] yesterday to w^ch^ : return'd him for answere ; that wee could by noe means gratify unreasonable demands therein y^e^ : Divan being considerably indebted to the [Hon^ble^] Comp^a^ : for what formerly lent them ; and that this was but an unkind [return of] Civility lately Shewn him in presenting him at his arrivall ; w^ch^ : could not [. . .] and Should order y^e^ Ships to remaine at Porto Novo till wee received orders from y^e^ [. . .] when hee might bee assured wee Should require Satisfaẽon for it & y^e^ : abuse [offerred to] M^r^ : Bowry w^ch^ : had wrote to Harja Raja about y^t^ : & dayly expected his answere [. . .] Should proceed accordingly for these insufferable abuses were noe wayes to bee tollerated and you may please to take notice how great an encouragement tis to them to [permit] these roguerys to Suffer any of them to pass unpunished but wee must Leave [them] more [. . .] Prudent Consideraẽon to order what you shall think Convenient then [. . .] our oppinion is y^e^ : best way would bee to right ourSelves and not to trouble [. . .] finding them to bee Such nonsencicall rascalls as not capable of Civility [to . . .] w^ch^ : [possibly] might deter them from the like rudeness for the [future . . .] thereto any [. . .] other [. . .] for wee finde when they are [*the remaining portion of this letter is wanting in the original*].

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